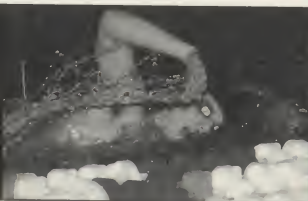


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this **stuff** Up



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Margaret
Madderom,
junior

Tony
McCullough,
senior

freshmen
Becky Gribble,
Filiz Turan,
Jennifer Shike

Greg Bugyis,
senior

Jamie Stennis,
surrounded by
seniors Annie
Maksimovich,
Jenny Evans,
Tara LaValley,
Christine Blake,
Nancy
Samardzija

who would've Thought

From hectic happenings creating
10... **Homecoming** plans to finding
a spare minute in school
24... **freetime**, student life crazed everyone,
from freshmen to seniors. Playing the
academic game, involving learning's
30... **tools**, **strategies** and **outcomes**,
forced students to make a variety of
38... **choices**. Whether making
50... **weekend** plans or joining a club for the
82... **skills**, time with friends or
92... **leadership**,
Who Would've Thought students could grasp
control of such jam-packed lives?

Seeing is Believing

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Break Time

After displaying a Mustang flag during the Homecoming game, Kevin Cane, sophomore, takes a break to chat with Mighty the Mustang, Jared Martin, junior. Both the flag and mascot were introduced to spark fan spirit.



Watchful Eye

Intently focused on the action ahead, Sara Williamson, junior, contemplates her next shot. Indoor or out, *Crier* and *Paragon* photographers recorded the year's events.



Nine Inch Nails

With eyes fixed on his long, black fingernails, Joe Flores, junior, plays with the *Dracula* props Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, passed out during Honors English II.



Leading Lines

Prepping up for the Homecoming Pep Rally, senior cheerleaders Sarah Nelson and Kara Argus put finishing touches on a senior sign.



Homecoming Hangup

Adjusting the sign on the Pom's car before the parade, Katy Stine, freshman, deals with finishing touches.



Hitting the Books

Lending a hand to Alison Holka, junior, Allison Paliga, senior, explains a chapter from their Chemistry book.

Show of Spirit

Cheering during the pep rally, the Junior Class jumps to their feet to take a shot at the spirit award, which the seniors ultimately won.



Guiding Help

Leaning over to assist a student, Mr. Don Ullman, chemistry teacher, explains a problem to Adam Tepper, freshman.

you can't **Make**
this **stuff** **Up**

Fire
Department
rushes to
extinguish
Flaming Plot

Who will give
first, Ms. Lukich
or the Mouse?

Student Strips while on trial

Bald three-headed
cat-like creature from
outerspace gives **Birth**
to **Nighty the Mustang**

Ok, so maybe we lied about that one, but you
have to admit **You Can't Make This Stuff Up!**

From new "no-food in the hallways" rules to the retirement of Superstar Michael Jordan Jan. 13, no one could predict the beyond-the-norm events that would shape the year.

■ Despite not knowing what to expect, students and faculty sighed with relief as the three-year school renovation ended and security cameras,



Snack Attack

Impatiently waiting in front of the snack bar, students tolerate the long line to fill their stomachs.



Passing the Time

Before class starts on a typical Thursday, seniors Jack Dillon, Ryan Pociask and Jeff Lee, sporting his Seahorses swimming hat, socialize outside the Commons.

new computers, Internet hook-ups and classroom TVs improved learning strategies.

■ **Who would've thought** that both Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa with 66, and St. Louis Cardinals' Mark McGwire with 70 would shatter Roger Maris' 1961 61-homerun record; or that an NBA strike would shorten the basketball season to 50 games?

From striking Pro-players to stalking baby mice unpredictable moments occurred.

■ During her second hour Spanish 1 class, Ms. Jen

Luksich tried to print a document from her computer, but instead of printing she got an error message.

Demanding that her computer "come on and print..." she hit the printer and a little mouse ran out onto the paper tray. Both startled, the mouse ran back into the printer as Ms. Luksich fell out of her chair. A janitor eventually removed the mouse by using an air hose to blow it out.

Those who missed the printer mouse had to **see it to believe it** when they watched the

continued
Opening



Go Fish

Focused on the job at hand, Angelie Martich, junior, Jenny Spolnik, senior, and Dan Grady, junior, work on dissecting the fish in their zoology class. Students took tests on animal organs by looking at an actual dissected animal and pointing them out.



Out it Comes

Oozing frozen strawberries out of its prepackaged container, Meredith Moran, sophomore, and Sarah Susoreny, junior, prep their meal in first hour Foods 1. "We were making a frozen dessert with whipped cream on top," Sarah said. "It was all nasty so that's why we had those looks."

Stranger than Fiction

continued

Munster Fire Department rush to school Jan. 5. Smoke seeped through the night hallways as poor kiln ventilation during the ceramic smoking/drying out process tripped the alarm. Jenny Spolnik, senior, used newspaper to support the lid of her box-shaped 3-D art class "spirit house." The paper began to smolder and firefighters, responding to the

All Wound Up

Concentrating on her sculpture standing upright, Bonnie Abercrombie, senior, builds her spirit house.



Full of Hot Air

Taking a break from Friday's Homecoming festivities, Mena Rizk, senior, displays a white DECA balloon bought earlier.



All Smiles

After being surprised with balloons and presents for her 17th birthday, Kelly Mercer, junior, peeks in her bag.



Far Reach

Stretching back, Jeff French aims for the serve, as the only freshman making the varsity team.



Green Thumb

Bent over a styrofoam cup, Brian Bishop, senior, carefully plants three bean seeds for part of the experiment.

alarm, entered the art room and shattered the house. The event forced swimmers in the midst of a home meet to evacuate the building and stand out in the cold until firefighters cleared the culprit.

■ Presidential craziness erupted as students and faculty just had to **see to believe**. After months of blaring headlines and ongoing investigations into the affair between the President and White House intern Monica Lewinsky, Bill Clinton became the first president in 131 years to face impeachment.

■ During the Honors English 11 Scarlet Letter trials, Erin DeVries asked Chris Hunt, who played Reverend Dimmesdale, to take his shirt off and reveal the scratches and welts which were supposedly on the character's back. While taking his shirt off, Chris scratched his back to make his character seem more real and also to give his

group a push to win the trials.

■ Winning the battle against the second-biggest storm in Chicago, the Blizzard of '99 set records across the board, including the most snow to fall ever in the area in a 24-hour period of 18.6 inches, beating the '79 record of 16.5. Subzero temperatures and 21.6 inches of snow that you would have to **see to believe** didn't stop Munster schools from staying open. Problems did occur, however, when air vents froze in the South wings and buses stalled because the cold temperatures caused the diesel fuel to gum up.

From computer-hibernating mice to record snow storms, from stripping students to presidential affairs, The year's events proved **You Can't Make This Stuff Up!**

who would've Thought

As 1,216 students began the school year with their own expectations, **Who Would've Thought** the year would unfold as it did?

■ Surprising both faculty and students alike, nine seniors achieved National Merit Finalist status. In addition to those seniors, the Merit Scholarship program commended eight others, all based on fall 1997 PSAT scores. Students struggled to challenge

themselves **Academically** throughout high school in order to receive scholastic awards or pass the graduation-required ISTEP test.

■ Winning a conflict of her own became an issue for Natalie Jordan, junior. In December when the Child Development class volunteered to carry "babies" for extra credit, Natalie had a small problem. Designed to act like a live baby, the

Flash Back

For a quick fix, seniors Laura Polutnik and Allison Paliga stop in the bathroom during a passing period to touch-up their blue eye-shadow and pink lipstick for the 80s senior spirit day.

Looking Back

Scanning the crowd, juniors Milosh Stojanovich and Aaron Jillson stop and stare at the Senior Class as they pursue the spirit award.



Standing Tall

Proudly cheering her Freshman Class on during Advisory competition at the Pep Rally, Lauren Ziembra rises and shouts to liven the Class of 2002.

Hands On

With eyes fixed on her work, Debby Feldman, senior, meticulously forms her candle during Art Club.



electronic infant cried until a key put in its back caused it to stop. During Ensembles rehearsal, the baby screeched for an hour and 15 minutes. She almost cried herself, feeling bad for the disruption. Although Natalie's battle proved a minor incident in **Student Life**, other events took place that were not so minor which allowed students to get involved.

■ **Spanish Club** raised \$680 through a lunch bake

sale to help Latin American victims of Hurricane Georges. Twelve club members and Mrs. Anne Whiteley, sponsor, worked overtime at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church to pack supplies, clothing and basic household items for the needy.

Whether challenges faced individuals or affected many, who would've imagined how people could rise above and overcome them?



In Circles

Dancing to a video during French, seniors Vicki Bembenista and Jeff Hagleberg participate while Jenny Kula, senior, claps along.

CAN YOU SPELL RELIEF

From confusion and chaos to control and normalcy, construction ends

After 33 months of renovation, hallways slowly cleared of dust and debris, finished walls grew out of the rubble, and technological advances added to the newness of the construction completion.

Among the changes, heating and cooling took primary importance. The computerized systems added accuracy to heat distribution. However, because computers shut down due to freezing weather, January's sub zero outside temperature contrasted with the North building's heat wave and the South's Antarctic freeze. Teachers brought fans into North rooms, while students wore coats and scarves to their classes in South.

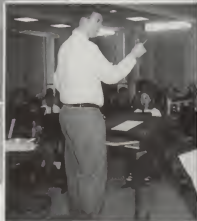
Classrooms acquired working phones, working televisions, and computers equipped with programs.



In the Book To become familiar with the Dedication Ceremony's activities, seniors Christine Blake and Sarah Alexander, and junior Mary Spornar peruse the program. "It was good to open the school to the public so they could see what they paid for," Mary said.



Helping Hand Amidst painted faces and class shirts, Mrs. Cheryl Mason, media specialist, assists Dan Grady, junior, in his research for history class. "Some used the Internet, some used the CDs, some used OPEC," Mrs. Mason said. "They were using all the resources available."



Face the Music Counting the beats, Mr. Fred Elliot directs the marching band. "The acoustic tiles gave our music a fuller tone," Amanda Zivich, senior, said.

By January's end, classroom computers received Internet hookups and teachers trained to use it.

Students noted the redesigned math and music areas. The music rooms expanded to include sound proof acoustical tiles and practice rooms, while the Math Department gained a computer lab.

"The orchestra lockers were too small for some instruments, but we got new lockers that were big enough," Greg Thaera, senior, said. "Also, (before construction) orchestra and choir shared the same room which was a big inconvenience."

With these changes, the auditorium reopened after 19 months of renovation. A fly loft added for quick and easy scenery changes, according to Mr. Larry Brechner, auditorium director.

Nov. 22 marked the Dedication Ceremony. Mr. William Ondrovich, project director, gave the school's control to the administration. Administrators discussed plans for the completion of remaining details, and Student Government

served as tour guides, taking people through the newly renovated building.

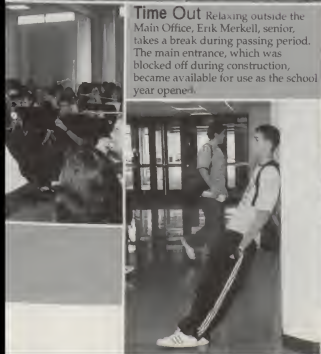
Despite three years of dirt, noise, shifting classrooms, and disappearing lockers, administrators believed it could have been worse.

"Actually, it was very good because we kept the school functioning," Mr. O'Connor, principal, said. "Some schools would've shut down completely; and we worked around the students' needs. When the library was being renovated, we waited until all the students' research papers were done before we closed it and moved it to the wrestling room."

With the hurried and unpredictable construction atmosphere gone and the changes in place, life returned to normal. Students and staff gradually took less notice of the 235 new computers, the lighted and carpeted hallways and teal green lockers. Instead, administrators turned their attentions to keeping the "new" school clean by enforcing the strict "no food" rule.

NUTS AND BOLTS

- 1446 new lockers
- 20 phone lines
- 72 carpet circles
- 1,086 auditorium seats
- 6-10 handicap auditorium seats
- 85 TVs
- 50 movie tickets at Showplace 16 for price of one phone



Time Out Relaxing outside the Main Office, Erik Merkell, senior, takes a break during passing period. The main entrance, which was blocked off during construction, became available for use as the school year opened.



Behind the Spotlight Making lighting adjustments, Dave Mangus, senior, and Marsha Gill, junior, work during the fall play, *Frankenstein*. New lighting and sound boards served to enhance productions.

Behind the scenes

We decorated my Geo Prism for nothing because it stayed in the parking lot.

Scott Senchak,
senior

It was sort of disappointing that we had to take a test on Homecoming day. It was supposed to be a day to take off and relax.

Chris Schneider,
senior

The best part was being able to just go nuts. It was a lot of freedom, and I liked being involved instead of just being a spectator.

Eric Yttri,
junior

I realized this was my last Homecoming but it turned out to be the most fun and memorable one.

Gail Wallace,
senior



war paint

Eyes and teeth showing through paint, Brian Balkam, junior, and sophomores Jakub Mielnicki and Mike Mirabelli gather during the pep rally. Face painting the underclassmen promoted team unity and fun for the game.



miles of smiles

Senior princesses Gia Ghezzi and Caroline Miller congratulate Torie Cox as Shilpa Rane crowns Torie during halftime. The crowd burst in chants of "We love Cox" after the announcement.





pull together

Enthusiastic students encounter **spirited** Homecoming festivities with **bizarre** events and **confusing** moments

■ In celebration of their last year, seniors continued the tradition of separate spirit days. While this effort intended to unify the Senior Class, it also brought about dissent. Seniors, angered that a small group chose senior spirit days without input from the rest of the class, opted for their own selection of spirit days. However, spirit didn't go unnoticed.

"I noticed that there was a great deal more of spirit," Mr. Robert McCall, English teacher, said. "It seemed like kids were getting involved. The freshmen especially were participating. I believe that this is due to the leadership of the seniors. The seniors did a good job pulling the rest of the school into the homecoming spirit."

snap of the **jaws**

To test and see if it opens and closes correctly before the parade begins, Andy Rebar, sophomore, tugs the wire connected to the jaws on the sophomore float. The class' efforts paid off as the sophomores took first place in the parade judging.

face off

Battling to see which subject is the strongest, the Math and English departments duke it out during the pep rally. Student body president Dan Dukich, senior, changed the tug-of-war to faculty battling each other to add more student enthusiasm.



pull together

Continued

Bizarro

■ People used to seeing nice car after nice car in the traditional afternoon Homecoming parade got a surprise this time around when they saw "Lurch" rolling past them.

Student Body president Dan Dukich, senior, broke the trend of riding in a convertible by riding in his 1986 Ford Escort Station Wagon. Dan called the wagon "Lurch" because the car "lurched" forward anytime that he hit the accelerator.

"I felt sorry for whoever was behind 'Lurch' in the parade because it burned oil under 15 m.p.h.," Dan said.

Confusion

■ Despite the unexpected school spirit during the "Neptune's Garden" themed homecoming week, door decorating gave a different picture of the week. Even though advisories entered, the attention paid to the activity differed from each one.

"I thought door decorating was cool," Katie Thompson, freshman, said. "The majority of the people were participating. We worked together as a group and did something fun for our school together."

■ Holding a cardboard sign reading "Administration wouldn't let me drive" stood Scot Goldyn, senior. Riding in the German club float just minutes before the parade started, Scot became notified with other members that they couldn't drive their float in the Homecoming parade.

"It seemed most unfair that ten minutes before the start (of the parade) we were informed that the students could not drive their cars," Mrs. Helga Meyer, German teacher, said.

Enthusiastic

■ "I was gone that day for a field trip when the court was announced," Torie Cox, senior, said. "I pulled into the South parking lot and I saw my car TP'd with toilet paper. John Parr, senior, asked me how my day was. He said, 'Can your day get any better? You were just nominated for Homecoming Queen!' I was screaming and jumping up and down. It was the best feeling. That was the last thing on my mind that day."

■ Ecstatic players concluded Homecoming festivities ended with when the football team defeated Lowell 20-14.

Homecoming Court:
Gail Wallace, Jaci Palos, Gia Ghezzi, Nicole McDermott, Queen Torie Cox, Mr. Eugene Cox, Caroline Miller, Chris Newcomb, KK Azodo, Justin Smith, Ryan Dunn, Andy Miller



Homecoming



fossed out

On the football field during the balloon toss, Natasha Janevsky, senior, smiles after dropping her balloon. The seniors took the title as most spirited despite Natasha's balloon slipping through her fingertips.

loud and proud

To display their pride during Friday's pep rally, April Loving, sophomore, and Jenny Doescher, junior, cheer for their classes in the midst of balloons and flying streamers. Despite the designations to sit with their classes, friends found other older or younger companions to cheer alongside.

show me the money

Despite pre-planned spirit days created by Student Government, seniors Dan Schmid and Bob Austgen dress in full 70s attire for senior spirit days. "We got all of our clothes from Aaron's (Weingberg, senior dad)," Dan said. "It was hilarious and we had a great time."



Behind the scenes

As a cheerleader, I felt the most **spirit** from the younger kids. It felt good because they looked up to us.

Kimm Hoge,
senior



How many other floats had **smoke** coming out of the **cannon**? I rest my case.

Shaun Blue,
junior



Building the float was a lot of fun. Listening to music and talking with friends made it really fun.

Betty Hoyle,
sophomore



On the half day for Homecoming, it wasn't a **half day** for us. We had to work a lot during the day for the parade and the game.

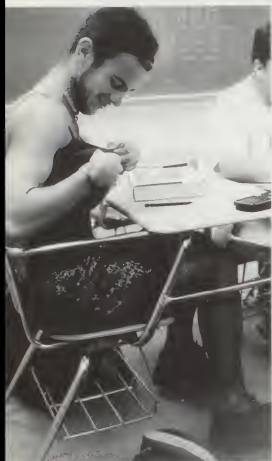
Jeff Tsai,
senior

Lunch chat

Lunch served as the perfect opportunity for sophomores Kristen Jabaa, Kelly Dickens, and Josh Reed, junior, to catch up on the latest gossip. Spirit among friends became a staple in students' lives.

Just checking

Sitting in Calculus class Bob Yamtich, senior, adjusts his cleavage. Bob showed his spirit and individuality by making his own spirit days.



Cheese please

To display the French Club's participation in the parade, Bonnie Abercrombie, senior, waves at the people on the sidelines watching the floats go by. The parade, which was on Calumet Avenue, drew many students and town members.



Loud and clear

Showing their Mustang pride, the "wifeboaters," scream as their team heads toward a victory. They attended football games to help cheer the football team on to a win.

Getting ready

In preparation for the parade, Jennifer Lee, freshman, hangs a poster on a spirit truck. Students made posters for spirit trucks after school during float construction.





what is

spirit

Beyond the athletes and avid fans, students displayed their school spirit in unique ways. Whether appreciating the school by reading the bi-weekly *Crier* or purchasing baked goods to support clubs, students reaffirmed their school pride.

"Showing school spirit was fun for both the students and teachers," Bethany Shutko, junior, said. "You could walk down the hallways and see people with their hair dyed, faces painted, balloons, you name it during Homecoming."

However, spirit didn't always appear in such obvious ways. Whether it came when preparing for the speech and debate sectional or DECA nationals, spirit within oneself and through friends or family relieved stress.

"Knowing that I had friends who would be there to listen to me at the end of a hard day was a great comfort to me," Janice Florczak, junior, said.

Even friends who supported each other with shoulders to cry on when disappointments arose kept spirits alive during hard times. Despite let downs, congratulations ripped through the halls in mid-December as seniors found themselves admitted to colleges of their choosing nationwide.

"My mom brought in the mail," Jenny Kalina, senior, said. "She and I both saw the envelope from Harvard at the same time. It was heavy, but it was a regular-looking envelope. I opened it up, and it took me a few moments to focus. I threw it at my mom and she read it. We both cried and hugged for a while before I called my dad and told him."

From buying the school newspaper, a cookie from a bake sale or painting faces red and white, students and staff displayed spirit in ways beyond the norm.

more than words

"Spirit was having faith in yourself and in your team. It was wishing the best for yourself and for the guy next to you. Spirit was having a set goal and not giving up until you get there."

Mark Stojkovich
junior

"Going to the games and actually cheering, instead of just walking around talking with your friends, and at the end not even knowing who had won the game."

Ashley Jasevicius
freshman

"Spirit was caring about something to the point of giving everything you had."

Joe Rybarczyk
senior

Beyond obvious painted faces and cheering fans, special moments, caring friends and active involvement prove more of an attitude than a term related to athletic competition

Spirit backers

Cheering their class on at the pep rally, sophomores Julie Valand, Michelle Johnson, Nicole Pellegrino, Amanda Gore and Katie Cluek display their class shirts. Cheerleaders and poms shed their normal uniforms in the spirit of homecoming.



What is Spirit?

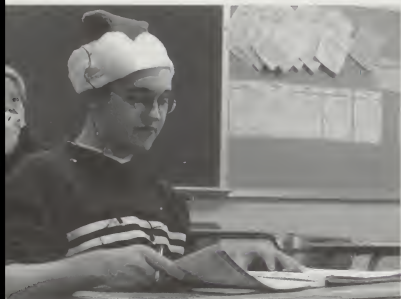
Birthday surprise

Headed toward her next class, Amy Pykosz, senior, drags her present with her. "I felt so embarrassed," Amy said.



Glowing spirit

Sporting his Christmas hat and lights, Mike Sufana, senior, prepares to celebrate the upcoming holiday and vacation. "I liked sticking out," Mike said. "I didn't know anyone else in the school who would walk around wearing Christmas lights. It was very festive."



Christmas carols

With German sheet music in hand, the German 2 class with Frau Meyer go class to class spreading the holiday cheer. "It was kind of fun because no one knew what we were saying," David Wendell, senior, said.



Santa's helper

Visiting with friends at lunch, Lisa Kolar, sophomore, displays Christmas antlers. Students

found ways such as hats and shirts to decorate themselves for the upcoming holiday.



Birthday boy

Hiding his face while the *Crier* staff sings "happy birthday," Dan Dukich, senior, participates in his 18th birthday activities. Because of *Crier* tradition, the birthday person must wear the crown and jewelry.

Red and white

With school spirit in mind, students hang out with their friends during lunchtime. Certain students waited until after school to eat lunch for the homecoming half-day.



Celebrations result from near everyday occurrences to those once-in-a-lifetime moments

Encountering celebrations, students experienced certain days that became unique in their own minds. Occurring annually like birthdays or once in a while like removal of braces, students found ways to commemorate the occasion.

Treating friends to a special surprise made birthdays all the more spontaneous. Instead of the normal cake and balloons, friends found out-of-the-ordinary ways to celebrate.

"To celebrate our groups birthdays, we did 'sidewalk talk,'" where we wrote all over their driveways with chalk so everyone knew it was their birthday," Kellie Curran, senior, said. "When it happened to me, my car was also covered with post-it notes saying 'happy birthday.'"

On anniversaries couples used simple means to celebrate. To make each others' evenings memorable, a little time alone kept the feelings alive for one another.

"On anniversaries with Chris (Newcomb, sophomore), he brought me roses," Gail Wallace, senior, said. "We were both really busy, so each month was that more special because it meant we were going out that much longer."

Sometimes a celebration came after suffering through an illness. Eating bland foods during the duration of sickness, the first bite of "real food" seemed heavenly.

"When I got over Hepatitis, I was finally able to eat," Mr. Donald Fortner, business teacher, said. "I was excited having pizza after craving it."

Students made occasions all the more memorable with interesting ways of celebrating giving the event its own distinct personality.

Crowning Glory

Jazz it up

Attending her sister's bat mitzvah, Rachael Chemerinski, junior, visits with family members. Because of Jewish tradition, the family celebrated the coming of age.



Through the Pain

Crimacing because of the pain, Kyra Amdahl, senior, gets one of her 10 piercings (four on her right ear, five on her left, and one on her tongue.) "I liked getting piercings, because what could be more fun than putting holes in your ears?" Kyra said.



Catching the Beat

With his headphones on listening to the Dave Matthews Band (DMB), Zack Jones, junior, does his homework. "Their music was fresh, nothing I ever heard before," Zack said. "After I bought their first album, I was hooked." Zack attended 14 DMB concerts since 1996.

Over the Ropes

While watching the World Wrestling Federation's Royal Rumble, sophomores Ankur Bhatt, Jeff Kocel, and Ben Samara react to the match. "It was entertaining and kind of like a soap opera," Ben said.



Lighting the Sky

Standing on his ladder, Tom Bertagnolli, junior, stretches to replace a light bulb in his plastic reindeer. Tom began putting up Christmas lights in 7th grade

with a few lights. Since then, the number of lights have grown resulting in a third place finish in The Times Christmas Light contest in 1997.





pierced passion

BETWEEN FOOD AND
ENTERTAINMENT, STUDENTS
CRAVE PECULIAR DESIRES

"I had watched wrestling all my life. Some of the wrestlers were around 12 or 13 years ago, and it was cool to see how they evolved."

Rob Branson
sophomore

Fetishes seeped into students' lives by watching television, listening to the radio and trying new experiences that they grew to love.

"Hello ladies!" Val Venis, professional wrestler, shouted. Sophomores Rob Branson and Eric Rosiak cheered as they watched WWF Raw on television.

"I had watched wrestling all my life," Rob said. "Some of the wrestlers were around 12 or 13 years ago, and it was cool to see how they evolved."

Students rushed to concerts at the World Music Theatre because of groups like the Dave Matthews Band (DMB). Zack Jones, junior, didn't love DMB immediately, but now he has attended 14 concerts.

"I saw my first concert in 1996 and I was hooked," Zack said. "I hadn't even bought a CD, but shortly after that I had about all of them."

Students also enjoyed watching their favorite sport on television. The home run race between the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire gained Sosa countless fans, but Adam Tepper, freshman, liked him off the field as well.

"He was not only a good player, but he was a respectable person," Adam said. "He helped his homeland of the Dominican Republic."

Members of the football team often attended Munster Gyros between two-a-day practices to grab a bite to eat before returning to the practice field.

"It was kind of a tradition and it became a habit," Bob Austgen, senior, said. "Plus, it was fun to hang around with the football team."

Students incorporated their passions into their everyday routine. By setting aside time, they sat back and relaxed by doing the activities they loved.

Run for the Gyro

After a half day, seniors Dan Schmid, Chris Pfister, and Bob Austgen enjoy their food from Munster Gyros. The football team attended the small Munster facility after games and practices, and brought friends along making the restaurant a popular hangout.

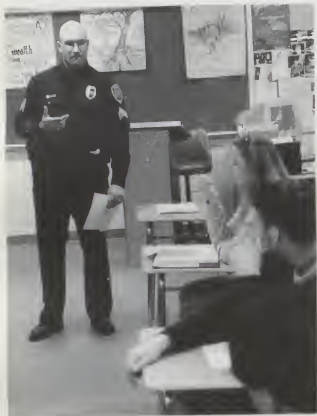


buy the book

Perusing through Borders, Bob Yamtich, senior, looks for a new book to read. "I loved Krauk's 'On the Road,'" Bob said. "It introduced me to Neil Kasseddy who had a real zest for life."

the enforcer

Speaking to Mr. Doug Fix's U.S. Government class, Officer Dan Ball explains law enforcement. Officer Ball lectured and answered questions about the law and his job to the students.



arm in arm

Talking during a passing period, Kristen Spitz, senior, and Dan Grady, junior, walk to class together. "I used to think wrestling was stupid and pointless," Kristen said. "I still think it's stupid and pointless, but it's funny. I watch it now with Dan. Once you start, it becomes habit forming."



field of dreams

Working on his Biology homework, Adam Tepper, freshman, wears his Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa jersey proudly to show support for his team during the playoffs. Students displayed influences from celebrities and athletes by clothing, posters and lingo.



Under the influence

Whether from literature, friends or family, students find outside sources as influences

Influences popped up in unexpected places. Jack Dillon, senior, saw his mother's characteristics in his personality, while Liz Moseley, sophomore, saw her influences from poetry.

"I have been influenced by my family to stand up for what I believe in," Caitlin Buchanan, senior, said. "I influenced students to be in DECA, and my boyfriend to be a better student."

Beyond family influences, celebrities also affected choices students made. Celebrities influenced values and moral choices.

"Sports figures influenced me the most because that was what I was most interested in," Dan Anderson, sophomore, said.

The atmosphere students found themselves subjected to affected them as well. No two towns or schools consisted of

I saw how materialistic other people were, and I didn't want to be like them," Liz Moseley, sophomore

identical situations. Each place had their own surroundings. Within every school lay different independent "crowds."

"I tried not to let people in this school influence the way I acted," Liz Moseley, sophomore, said. "I saw how materialistic other people were, and I didn't want to be like them."

People as well as printed materials impacted individuals.

"Music influenced me a lot," Liz said. "The messages in the songs helped my moods and helped me have a better outlook on things. Books and poetry gave me a broader perspective on life."

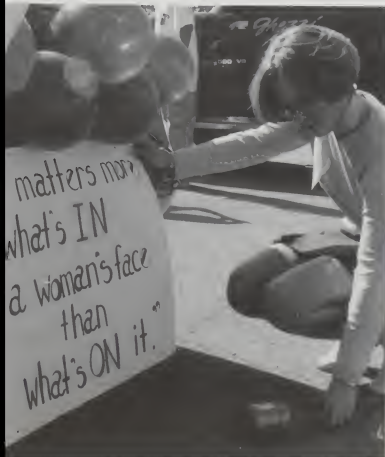
Regardless of the people, places or things that encompassed students, each individual was affected differently. Whether through family, like Jack, or poetry, like Liz, one common thread existed throughout: Surroundings constantly changed students' personalities of today and tomorrow.

final touch

Placing her motto on her car, Homecoming Queen, Torie Cox, senior, prepares for the parade. "By displaying one of my favorite quotes, I hoped the audience would see the person I am, rather than just my outward appearance," Torie said.

point well taken

Helping Lisa Basil, sophomore, with her paper, Mr. Dave Russell, English teacher, shows Lisa ways to improve her writing. "I came into this class knowing it was going to be hard," Lisa said. "But he taught us more grammar than we realized."



IN the groove

As a member of Groovatron, Tony McCullough, senior, plays the saxophone during the band's practice. Groovatron released a CD, Mammonette, which sold at local music stores this winter.

PLAYING precision

While practicing with his guitar, Brandon Sweeney, junior, focuses on the chords. Band members spent time out of school to work on music.



SONG birds

As singers for Sunday 12:30 p.m. mass at St. Thomas More, sophomores Kayte Yerga and Gina Bassetto lead the congregation in song. The church's Youth Band and choir performed and sung hymns.



HEAR the STUDENTS SHOWCASE MUSICAL TALENTS beat

BY FORMING BANDS AND PERFORMING FOR CHARITIES

Whether music woke students up in the morning, helped them get through the day or to fall asleep, tunes surrounded everyone. The sounds of the birds at sunrise, or the radios used as alarms helped start the day. Music took on different meanings to everyone. Students listened to all different types of music, from the Dave Matthews Band, to 2Pac or even the dark tones of Marilyn Manson.

Certain students looked at music in an entirely different way because they didn't just listen to music, they made music. For fun, stress relief, church, a job or a future, students had all different reasons for playing their music.

"I've played the guitar for five years," JP Roman-Lagunas, sophomore, said. "I spent two hours a day playing, from rap songs to the Grateful Dead."

"I wanted to play the guitar because I saw older people playing guitars, and I thought it looked like a lot of fun so I got one," Scott Senchak, senior, said. According to Scott, the variety of music made their band different from other high school bands.

Not all students took music quite as seriously. Some played instruments because a lack of anything better to do with their free time.

Maybe music turned out as a break from the norm for students, but for others, a different learning experience. From incorporating guitars to saxophones, students created their own bands for fun or to entertain others.

LITTLE drummer boy

While practicing with his band Sekret Squirrels, Shawn Johnson, junior, demonstrates his unique music style. Students squeezed cumbersome equipment in basements and garages.

PLAY time

Breaking away from the crowd, Eric Tomeo, senior, plays his guitar during the Homecoming pep rally. Some chose to avoid spirit participation while entertaining themselves.

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JP Roman-Lagunas,
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Student Musicians

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TIME TO LISTEN

Strolling down the hallway, Priya Pai, junior, quizzed herself by saying the responses to prepare for her vocabulary test in her next hour class. Students used every last minute to prepare themselves for tests.

"I studied in school before the test, so I refreshed my memory and also during the passing period before the class the test was in," Priya said.

School, homework and out of school activities drained energy out of students during the week. Certain students used their free time to relax, while others spent their time on different activities.

Students found ways to enjoy themselves when they finished with work. In their math classes, students received programmable calculators. Students found time for amusement during school by playing games on these calculators.

"It was a time filler, when you had no homework to do and class was over," Doug Kocal, junior, said. "Tetris was a game that gave you something to put your mind to."

Lunchtime and passing periods provided students with a time to study, gossip and relax. Students looked forward to these precious breaks.

"I went to the commons to talk to my friends everyday," Justin Ionita, sophomore, said.

To get away from the pressures of school on the weekdays, students traveled to other places outside of Munster in search of amusement.

"I liked Bowling Club because it was fun and exciting," Bassam Mohammed, junior, said. "It took pressure off of you and made you have fun."

Two ways to relieve tension included sleeping and watching television. While watching his favorite shows, Doug relaxed in an unusual way.

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BREAK IN THE ACTION

By relaxing in the commons, seniors Jasmina Maksovic and Christine Blake, have a friendly conversation. Lunch and passing periods gave students precious breaks from class to gossip with friends, catch up on classes they had later in the day, and finish up last night's homework.





The Right Time

Advisory provides students with time to do what they choose

"The best part was doing homework and finding out what was for lunch. It was like a mini study hall."

Jeff Tsai, senior

"It gave me a chance to do the homework assigned that day because I was so busy after school."

Tiffany Dell'Aquila, senior

"I used it to cram for tests and get homework done that was put off."

Bethany Shutko, junior

LAID BACK TUNE

While leaning on a desk, Eric Tomeo, senior, plays his guitar after school in Mr. Edington's room. In his free time, Eric and other students used Mr.

Edington's room on Thursday for an afternoon bible study group. Students often stayed after school to practice for sports, get help from teachers or work on their homework.



HOOK UP

To insert games, sophomores Deb Sundi, Jon Friedman, Andrew Schumacher and James Pavisian, freshman, hook the calculators up to transfer the games. Students played games on their calculators when they finished with work.

IN A FLASH

Looking over their note cards, juniors Christine Thaera and Christie Griffin prepare for a test at lunch. Flash cards gave students an alternative way to quiz themselves in order to retain information.

Free Time

TIME TO LISTEN

continued

"I sat on my waterbed, and I watched TV," Doug said. "I cleansed my room of evils when I opened my windows no matter how cold it was."

Not all activities that students did relaxed them. Work sometimes awaited students after a strenuous day of school. Jason Stuebe, junior, worked at McDonalds 30 to 35 hours per week and rarely found time to do important things.

"I had to do all of my homework before I went to work or before school the next day," Jason said. "I did not even have much time to spend with my girlfriend and friends during the week."

Out of school activities did not only include work. Some students participated in bands or orchestras. Tedi Vlahu, freshman, not only took part in the school orchestra, but also in the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony, which practiced every Saturday for three and a half hours.

"I practiced daily for at least one hour per night," Tedi said. "I started playing because it looked fun and appealing, so I just went for it. Then once you were hooked, you wanted to strive to be the best. That's what made you go."

Another way to enjoy themselves included America Online, which gave students with a way to communicate with friends on their computer.

"I was always on talking to my friends after school and on the weekends," Jen Kaczka, sophomore, said. "I was on everyday, at least five or six times per day. I wouldn't say that I was addicted, but I was pretty close to it."

Whether learning the last vocab word that kept causing problems, rushing to work to avoid being late or just lounging on the couch waiting for their favorite show to start, students used their free time to accomplish their goals and to have fun.

With full concentration on his music, Tedi Vlahu, freshman, practices on his violin. "Once you were hooked, you wanted to strive to be the best," Tedi said.

PACKED HOUSE

Outside of Mrs. Renee Kouris', English teacher, room, students wait to tryout for the fall play. "They knew I was going to put a play on that appealed to the student body, so they wanted to be a part of it," Mrs. Kouris said.



Student Life





The Lame Chain

From
"finding love"
chain letters
to "send to
15 people or
die" mail,
annoying
forwards fill
e-mail boxes
of students

"I didn't even look at them because they were so dumb, especially the ones where it said you would get married in like two weeks. You knew it was never going to happen."

Teruo Toyama, freshman

"I hated those "Tag, you're it" ones. They were stupid and pointless."

Amanda Greenya, senior

"I hated the ones where it said if you sent it to 15 people you would have good luck but if you didn't, you die."

Shardul Shah, sophomore

PRECISE EYE

Securing a flower to the junior float, Noreen Castor, junior, works on Ursula from "the Little Mermaid" after school during

Homecoming week. Students used their time to boost spirit including participating in class activities or dressing in army gear for spirit week.



IN THE FAST LANE

Concentrating on the 10 white pins ahead of him, Mike Johnson, sophomore, goes for a strike. Bowling Club provided students with a break on Mondays after school to get away from the pressures of school and homework.

CHECK IT OUT

At Borders in Schereville, Keith Sorrels, sophomore, checks out the latest issue of *Guitar* while waiting to meet up with his friends. "I went to Borders to check out cool guitar magazines and to read articles on my favorite band," Keith said.

Free Time

Early Bird

Spanish 4 homework in front of her, Ellen Bielawski, junior, wakes up early to complete her assignments. Certain students found the energy to wake up early rather than stay up late to finish homework.



Burning the Midnight Oil

Late in the evening, John O'Block, junior, catches up on his geometry homework while he studies for the test. With six or more classes each day, homework often kept students awake well into the night.



Massage Train

Gathering in the Commons on Pajama Day, Nicole Pellegrino, sophomore, makes a massage line with sophomores Julie Valand and Candice Kourous. Students used friends to help ease the pressures of the day.



Down Time

To unwind after school during Pajama Day of Homecoming spirit week, freshmen Stephanie

Rosenbaum and Vanesa Witherow chat in the Commons. Relaxing with friends proved enjoyable and rejuvenating.





Early Morning Light

Waking up early or staying up late, students expel grueling hours, value sleep

At the sound of the alarm clock, students reacted in a variety of ways. Those deemed "morning people" awoke alert and refreshed, while others opted to hit the snooze button.

Whether exercising or going out to eat, they found ways to alleviate the boredom of a typical morning routine.

"I was both a morning and an evening person," Ellen Bielawski, junior, said. "I could stay up late, but in the morning I wanted to start the day on the right foot."

Other students found it difficult waking up because of engagements, extra-curricular activities and homework from six or more classes that occurred on school nights.

As students' sleeping habits varied, so did their methods of coping with another day. Discover what type of person you reflect, whether it be an early bird or a night owl.

Are you an early bird or night owl?

1. If you had to get up an hour earlier than you usually do, how easy would it be?
 - a. very easy
 - b. somewhat easy
 - c. somewhat difficult
 - d. very difficult
 - e. you wouldn't be able to get up until your regular time
 2. If you had to take a test at 5 a.m. in the morning, how would you do?
 - a. much better
 - b. somewhat better
 - c. same as usual
 - d. somewhat worse
 - e. much worse
 3. If you had a test at 11 p.m., how would you perform compared to usual?
 - a. very poor
 - b. somewhat poor
 - c. the same
 - d. somewhat better
 - e. a lot better
- Mostly "a" or "b" = early bird;
mostly "d" or "e" = night owl;
mostly "c" = neither

Image is Nothing

Due to lack of time for an adequate breakfast, Keith Cantwell, senior, snacks in Environmental Science. Awakening as early as 5 a.m., students often used the relaxed atmosphere of zero-hour to eat.



Sleep it Off

After a long day at school, Andrea Bosulich, senior, takes a nap to catch up on sleep. Daily activities and nights spent working on homework took a toll on students' energy levels.



Early Bird/Night Owl

playing the game

Using equipment beyond the basics gives students opportunities to learn new skills, experience different activities

Backpacks patched with sayings such as "Don't eat yellow snow," electric mixers used to whip up desserts, and computers essential for last-minute term paper rewrites played a role in students' daily academic lives.

Classes often required more equipment than the basic notebook, pen and textbook. The majority

in a flash

As she attaches the flash to the camera, Becky Drolen, sophomore, learns the proper technique in Mr. Carl Fields' photography class. Students practiced with the flash in a darkened classroom.

of the student body found their backpacks indispensable, while smaller groups made use of cameras, musical instruments and snorkeling gear. Whatever their function, these necessary utensils added interest or provided new learning experiences.

The average freshman backpack weighs in at:

- a. 37 pounds
- b. 16 pounds
- c. 23.5 pounds
- d. 13 pounds

Answer: b.

ticket out

Waiting for a response, Mrs. Pat Premetz, mathematics teacher, shows Tim Siukola, junior, one side of an identity. Students had to recite the other side before leaving. "I didn't use to do this," Mrs. Premetz said. "But everyone tried to learn all the identities the night before. This way works."



no sweat

Grimacing as he uses the lateral pulldown machine, Jack Dillon, senior, builds

up strength during Weight Training. Athletes used the newly renovated weight room to stay in shape both in and out of season.





high notes

Carefully watching their music, seniors Natalie Johnson and Anna Kozlowska play during Band. Band members protected their instruments by cleaning them regularly.

water world

As they listen to instructions, seniors Adam Brown, Keith Cantwell and Dave Tabion wait to jump into the pool. Project Bio students spent 10 nights snorkeling, learning to use equipment.



baggin' it

"(It would say) 'Why do you have chemistry and physics books right next to each other?' It would probably just call me abusive. Then I'd feel guilty and I'd have to get a new backpack."

Chris Schneider, senior

"It expresses my love for soccer and a lot of inside jokes between my friend Evy and me. It would say I'm obsessed with my boyfriend."

Lindsay Baranowski, freshman

"It says I'm a cheerful person and it's pretty. I took it on vacation once, and this freaky guy said 'Hi Chrissy' and scared me."

Chrissy Griffin, junior



Students' backpacks became essential tools they decorated to suit their tastes. "Mine would say I'm Serbian," Mike Zivanovic, sophomore, said. "Serbs alone, never die"—it's a motto for us. It also says 'God help us all' because of what's going on over there."

from calculator to computer

New technology covers a wide range of subjects as students and teachers find the positive aspects among each new part

Connected together by a thin cord, two TI-86 calculators sat on a desk in Mr. Curme's physics class while games transferred from one calculator to the other.

"I played my calculator so that I could beat the old high score on Tetris; that took me forever to reach," Doug Kocal, junior, said.

Students found playing on a calculator one of the more promising aspects of the technology, even though teachers disliked the newly found form of entertainment due to class disruptions.

"I couldn't stand when students played those games in my class when I was trying to teach," Mr. Hal Coppage, history teacher, said. "There was a time and a place for playing them but it wasn't in the class."

Televisions,

computers and the internet populated the classrooms. The updated technology aided students as a source of information for research papers and other projects and assignments.

In every classroom a television hung from the ceiling available for use in each classroom. The Audio Visual department showed preprogrammed videos accessed at any time with a remote control.

The advancements acquired

helped the students and staff learn in new and different ways, even though students spent that time playing games like Tetris instead.

test time

Beyond mastering graphical math on their TI85's, students turned to calculators to play all the following except:

- Mortal Kombat
- Frogger
- Drug Wars
- Jeopardy

Answer: d

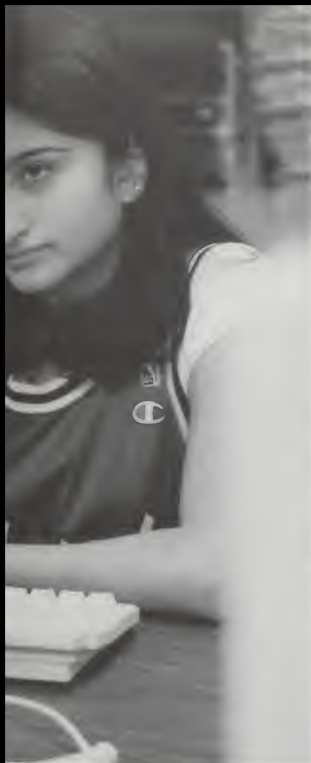
plug and chug

To ensure more time for his test, Greg Krupinski, junior, uses his TI-85 to calculate instead of doing work by hand. "I think it was nice that the school gave them out because they really made my work easier," Greg said.



Academics





■ to be or not to be

Focused on preterite and imperfect verbs, Farah Abbas, sophomore, works in the foreign languages lab. "I'm glad we got to go to the labs because it was a lot better than sitting in class," Farah said.

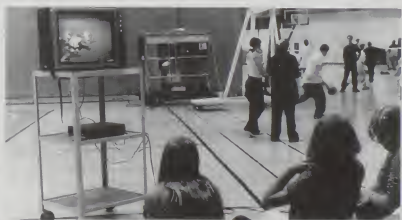


■ loud and clear

To inform students of the daily activities, Lauren Roman, sophomore, reads the announcements over the PA system in the Main Office during Advisory. "I got to do the announcing because it helped me practice for my broadcasting event for Speech and Debate," Lauren said.

■ point and click

In first hour Honors Spanish 5, Dario Perdomo, senior, and Mr. Paul LaReau, foreign language teacher, use a Spanish program in the new foreign languages lab. "The lab is much better than studying from a book because it is more of a hands-on experience," Dario said.



■ watch and learn

Due to the construction in the fieldhouse, freshmen girls choose to gather around a TV to watch sports. The construction kept students from dressing for class because of the remodeling of the locker rooms.

■ look it up

With a question on how to do their U.S. History report, Sean Adley, junior, asks for help from juniors Miles Sullivan and

Jasmina Mijailovic. "Internet was really helpful to get research information in school to save time from doing it out of school," Sean said.

■ practice cards

With notecards in hand, freshmen Ashley Jasevicius, Alice Lanman, and Jacqueline Burkat run over lines for a skit in Mrs. Linda Lemon's English class. "Group projects like skits and speeches made the stuff we learned easier to understand," Alice said.



■ close eye

Bent over his drawing, Haig Huynh, junior, carefully draws a line with a blue colored pencil. "Art was all hands-on," Haig said. "I enjoyed it because there really wasn't anything that could be learned from a book."



■ on guard

Fencing with yard sticks, freshmen Nicholas Kikalos and Karl Spork practice

for a *Romeo and Juliet* skit in English class. Teachers assigned projects to help learning come alive.



at your fingertips

■ sticky fingers

Focused on her fingers, Torie Cox, senior, examines gooey frog eggs during Zoology class. During the hour, students went through the dissection procedure, where Torie found that her frog came with eggs.

■ pick a card

To create a poem, seniors Amanda Zivich and Rich Sun place notecards on the floor of their Creative Writing class. Each student wrote two nouns, verbs and adjectives on the cards, adding difficulty to producing the poems.

Students sample food, handle squishy animals, and flip through notecards to help acquire skills through involved learning

Intent on unlocking the secrets of Chinese cultural cuisine, Kristen Spitz, senior, sampled a bite of zesty chicken fried rice with soy sauce in Multiculturalism. Sampling cuisines from other countries gave students a better appreciation for other cultures than merely studying the facts.

The different ways students obtained the information they needed in classes could be determined by in-class work. Teachers assigned class activities ranging from group discussions and group projects in English, business, speech and history; to worksheets to help students remember needed information.

"Group assignments teachers gave really

helped during test time," Natalie Vaughn, sophomore, said. "Being able to discuss and bounce ideas off people in my group helped me retain information better."

Teachers strived to help students learn grammar faster by using creative activities and more time during the period for group assignments. Students took advantage of projects and activities offered in classes like foods, photography or lifesaving.

"The more activities a teacher had, the better," Brian Evans, senior, said. "In Psychology Ms. Jansky helped us understand things by giving us activities and using students as examples during class."

When Kristen took her Multiculturalism test over Chinese culture, she felt relieved knowing she learned the material without "burning the midnight oil" pouring over books. She learned about culture by doing, not through reading.

test time

Whether learning dissections or mastering the camera, the most effective method of retaining knowledge is:

- hands-on learning
- taking 20 pages of notes
- researching the Internet
- completing worksheets

Answer: a.

■ clay day

While sitting in Advanced Art, Kathy Mueller, junior, ponders what to do next on her spirit house. Students in art classes had to rely on experiences gained in drawing because they could not rely on regular textbooks.



Hands-On Learning

beyond the call of duty

Interest in studies other than straight algebra, composition and biology urge students to explore alternative learning

Studying during class, before the 7:45 a.m. bell or taking time out of busy schedules filled with Speech and Debate or musical rehearsals did not always prove stimulation for certain students. Students found alternative learning to fill their time and expand their knowledge.

Certain students slaved away all day in school for 420 minutes and ran to their cars to drive to another school. Some decided that taking courses outside of high school walls could enrich and educate them further. Indiana University Northwest (IUN) and Purdue University Calumet proved two options that allowed students to explore a taste of college life and earn credits in the process. Gathering dual credits by taking these extra courses even led to a early diploma.

"I needed one more credit to graduate with an Honors Diploma at semester," Christine Blake, senior, said. "This semester wasn't really challenging for me, and I thought that I needed a challenge. I got a head start at Indiana University Bloomington by getting extra credit hours. This can also make me graduate earlier from college and then pursue on to my graduate school earlier."

When the six or seven-period school day didn't offer enough classes to fill schedule requirements, students turned to Purdue Calumet to enable them to acquire more class time.

"Because I didn't have any room in my schedule to take French, I took the class at Purdue Cal," Sarah Alexander, senior, said.

"I needed three years of one foreign language in order to receive an Honors Diploma."

Besides earning college credit, eager students chose the path of learning for pure enjoyment and to learn more about a certain field. Future plans included making a career out of their working experience and discovering more about an area of expertise.

"I worked in building services for construction," Kyle Brazel, junior, said. "I had a job with Rueth Builders that I did outside of work at the career center. I learned basic construction skills so I could do that for a life job. I basically do it so I can get a jump on my career."

"I took a photography class at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts," Andy Ferrer, junior, said. "I wanted to learn anything about art. I took a beginner's course, and I was also an artist. I painted, drew and took other classes there like ceramics."

As the final bell rang, students trudged out into parking lots to explore other options beyond the MHS walls. Area career centers, college courses and classes in specific areas helped students discover alternative ways to acquire more

information about their areas of interest.

■ times up

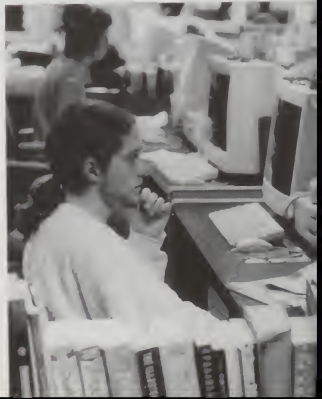
To finish up his work as a page designer, Matt Novotny, senior, creates an image on the Hammond Times' computer. Matt chose to work part-time with the Times to further develop his skills and apply later as a career. He participated with the Hammond Career Center and spent half days learning hands-on.

test time

With more than 108 electives to choose from, which of the following was *not* offered:

- a. ceramics
- b. multiculturalism
- c. Japanese
- d. creative writing

Answer: c





■ pen pals

As an interactive assignment to develop writing skills and teach elementary students to write, Sally Demkowicz, senior, and Bryn Carter, Elliot Elementary School student, meet for the first time. For Mrs. Westland's Senior Composition class, seniors served as pen pals for the kids. "It was so much fun," Sally said. "Bryn drew me pictures and she was so adorable. For Halloween we made each other little gift bags, and for finals the kids made us survival kits. We still wrote each other even after the class was over."



■ behind the mask

Acting out her part in the play "Oedipus Rex," Shilpa Rane, senior, displays her mask in front of her as she reads her

lines. For Mr. Marc Lehnerer's Honors World Literature class, students created masks to perform with as they read the part of each character.

■ head strong

Long, brown hair ready for a trim, a dummy head awaits a cut from Kathleen Mucha, sophomore. Kathleen took classes at the Hammond Career Center in Cosmetology to acquire real training and specific skills.

■ up close

Artists' pencils ready, Andy Ferrer, junior, perfects his picture in his basement studio. Andy took photography, ceramics and other art classes at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts to increase his knowledge.

life's a choice

From organization in handbooks to procrastination with homework, students encounter numerous decisions

As the chalk squeaked across the board displaying the night's assignment, Tiffany Dell'Aquila, senior, automatically pulled out her assignment notebook. Looking over plans for the evening, Tiffany figured out how to balance her shift at work and finish her *Odysseus* project.

Choices exactly like or similar to Tiffany's grew as part of student's academic lives. From positive attitudes to free time, they made choices from the simplest in nature to grade-impacting.

Students found that having a positive attitude proved advantageous as the school days wore on.

■ card sharks

Prior to finishing their research, juniors Gina Puntillo, Matt Koscielski, Tony Konvalinka and Jackie Misch, play spades. With freetime allotted to them, students found different ways to occupy themselves in school.

Partaking in the learning environment, they met their own personal goals.

"I enjoyed learning," Amanda Zivich, senior, said. "I really enjoyed the feeling of accomplishment when I could master a new skill in one of my classes. I knew that if I kept working at it, I eventually would understand it."

While students chose to lend their free time to finish required work, teachers also used every chance possible to give attention to their students' work.

"The responsibilities of being a teacher and being a Speech and Debate coach consumed most of my time," Mrs.

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test time

The least effective method to memorizing vocabulary words:

- have Dawson's Creek lightly sounding in the background
- listening to tunes coming from your CD player
- standing on your head, drinking a glass of milk
- total silence

Answer: C.

■ failing freedom

Partaking in their Journalism I assignment, sophomores Rachel McCain and Stephanie Kelly censor with crayons as if in a dictatorship. Students chose the class to improve their people and writing skills.



Academics





■ extra effort

Presenting an oral report about *The Hollow Men*, Mike Baniak, junior, dresses up as a scarecrow in addition to the normal project to receive extra credit. Students received opportunities like attending plays and making projects in Honors English 11 to boost grades.



■ double check

Comparing his answers on the assignment to the odd numbered answers in the back of the book, Dan Watson, senior, takes the final step in checking the accuracy of his answers in stats class. "To reassure that I was doing the problems right, I always checked after I was done because it had become a habit," Dan said.



■ team work

Preparing the vegetables and sauce for the pasta dish, Jen Kaczka, sophomore, and seniors Lisa Heath and Dave Mangus partake in the lab in Foods I. In order to learn more about culinary arts, students chose to take this elective course.



■ nap time

Catching up on her sleep, Jessica Lotak, junior, takes a nap at a corner booth

during lunch. Students used lunchtime to finish up homework for later in the day and rest.



■ early birds

After looking for damages, seniors Amanda Zagorski, Sarah Fies and Christine O'Shea attempt to take down their tent. "I didn't mind coming to school so early because we weren't locked in the classroom," Amanda said.



■ quick kick

Following the actions of Mrs. Linda Sheffer, foods and fitness teacher, Shilpa Rane, senior, and the rest of the foods and fitness class follow an aerobics video. The class exercised three days a week and did classroom nutrition activities the other two.



■ building blocks

Using their freetime to construct a 3-D puzzle, Scott Senchak, senior, and Damian Murks, junior, place the pieces. "I never did a 3-D puzzle before, Scott said. "It looked like a different thing to do."

■ friendly advice

In order to receive more input, John Vroom, sophomore, listens to Mrs. Linda Haynes', art teacher, ideas on his portfolio. "In my art classes, we shared ideas for guidance, Mrs. Haynes said.





life's a choice

continued

Mary Yorke, English Department chairperson, said. "I could not get all my work done within the week. I graded my papers at the school during the weekends because there were too many distractions at home. I felt that if my students put in as much time as they said, their papers deserved serious attention back."

Students found that choosing to avoid procrastination with projects and studying, even while tempted to slack off, paid off in the end.

"Because I was interested in getting good grades, I studied hard," James Olaosebikan, freshman, said.

"Otherwise, my mom would have killed me. I did not want any homework later to do."

Students crammed for tests and worked on

homework during the school day. School didn't fall on their priority list.

"I did not feel like doing work at night," Sarah Theile, freshman, said. "I, instead, talked to my friends on the phone. I did it during class or Advisory and friends could help me."

To make sure their work was done, students prioritized organization. This brought less worries.

"Because I grew up in disorganization, it just annoyed me," Andrea Williams, sophomore, said. "I think that's why I am so organized, and such a perfectionist."

After weighing her options,

Tiffany decided upon doing her work after her shift. These different decisions made produced their academic outcome.

test time

The most believable excuse for not turning in homework:

- a. tell the truth
- b. the baby ripped it to shreds
- c. it fell out of the backpack on the way out the door
- d. my computer crashed

Answer: a

helping hand

Demonstrating how to do the backstroke properly, Christina Guzik, freshman, spends the hour of gym class in the water. In order to make sure classmates understood the activity, students used their own experience to help others.

lunch break

Finishing off her sandwich, Kelly Metz, junior, looks over her book for a test later in the day. Students took advantage of the 30 minutes to take care of their homework for the next day or study for later quizzes or tests.



keeping up with the time

Assignment notebooks and crumpled calenders help students arrange activities to complete as much in a day as possible

Running from errand to errand, scrambling to finish Biology cell projects or chemistry labs, or going to work or practice, students tried to put their busy lives in order.

"I did as many things as possible at night so I had more time in the morning," Robert Burghardt, senior, said. "I thought a day should have been 48 hours."

Students found that sports, clubs and other after school activities absorbed the valuable freetime they had.

"We (the girls' basketball team) had morning practice," Michelle Dicostanzo, junior, said. "After school I practiced, did my homework and went to bed."

■ round table

Around a makeshift round table, the *Crier* staff participates in an Editorial Board meeting. Staffers discussed plans for future papers at the weekly Wednesday meetings.

test time

The following organizational methods do not help students remember assignments except:

- not writing anything down
- write notes on scraps of paper
- complete a book in your assignment notebook
- eat your vitamins and pray to the homework gods

Answer C

"I wasn't really involved in sports or anything, but I still didn't seem to have time to finish everything," Katie Gikas, sophomore, said.

The school tried to help students manage time by giving out handbooks that served as yearly assignment notebooks at registration before the school year began.

"I tried to write as much as possible in my assignment book so that I remembered everything that needed to be done," Emily Herrin, senior, said.

With homework and practices finished, students climbed into bed and drifted off with brains filled with what tomorrow's schedule would accomplish.

■ standing tall

To keep the band together, drum major Meagan Ambre, senior, directs the musicians during halftime. She spent after school time in the band room and at Heavenly Ham working.



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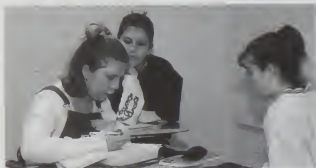
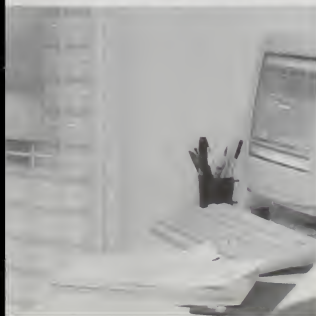


■ quiet time

Alone in the halls, Natasha Janevski, senior, sits outside finishing her Interpersonal Relations test. "I didn't have enough time to finish the test during class, so instead of taking it after school the next day, I took it during class," Natasha said.

■ money managers

With money in hand, Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, and Bob Yamtich, senior, settle the cost of dinner for the cast of *Frankenstein*. Students who participated in after school activities crunched time to complete other tasks.



■ group work

Working together, freshmen Laurie Zurek and Lisa McCloud help each other complete an assignment. "I tried to get all my work done in class to save time," Lisa said.

■ may I help you

While faced with a lull in the tax season crowd, Jenny Burrell, senior,

breaks to finish her Psychology worksheet. "I had no trouble filling my spare time," Jenny said.

just another headache

Confronting challenges, students and administration face frustrations resulting from classes to construction

After a long night of studying for a chemistry test, Katy Szumlanski, junior, received the dreaded exam from her teacher. She swore it looked written in another language. After all that time and effort, the material studied amounted to five points on the 100 point test.

"I was so mad when I got a 79.4 percent and my teacher wouldn't round it up to an 80 percent," Katy said. "He said he was going to round up if it was a 79.5 percent."

Frustrations arose when, after missing school due to an illness, students returned, immediately greeted with stacks of papers and piles of books.

"The amount of make-up work is what made missing school so difficult," Jaime Stennis, senior, said. "Lugging the books home and then doing the work could be a pain."

Faculty and administration faced

frustrations with students as well as construction. However, Mr. Art Haverstock, science teacher, found inconveniences dealing with construction the most frustrating.

"That [catching mice] was normal; I had 30 by Christmas vacation," Haverstock said. "The door was too long and wouldn't go over the carpet, and the locks were on backwards. If you were inside you couldn't get out, but if you were outside, anyone could get in." Haverstock said.

Forced to deal with frustrating problems in class and out of class, students and faculty rose to challenges daily and managed to get by.

on task

Handling her job as Academics Editor, Liz DeVries, senior, fills out photo assignments for the yearbook. "It's frustrating when you're trying to get something done early, and one part [of the staff] falls behind so you can't get your stuff done," Liz said.

test time

Which of the following frustrations faced students as grading periods wound down:

- Parental pressure
- Making the grade
- Returning from an illness
- all of the above

ANSWER: d



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■ user unfriendly

While surfing the net, Josh Sudbury, junior, tries to find information for his Spanish 3 project. "I needed something on Queen Isabella," Josh said. "I was angry because I spent half the hour on the internet, and couldn't find what I needed."



■ student service

Talking with Javier DeLuna, senior, at the student services desk, Mr. J.R. Jennings, assistant principal, deals with attendance issues. "The biggest problem was call offs," Mr. Jennings said. "They (students) thought they could come and go whenever they pleased."



■ crowded confusion

Trying to move through the packed halls, juniors Amanda Aguilera and Erin Dunn find an opening in the mass. "It was annoying, especially, when you were late to class," Amanda said.

■ time out

Catching up on sleep, Jack Dillon, senior, and Brad Clark, sophomore, nap on the bleachers during class in the gym. Unfinished locker rooms caused problems for gymclasses.

this is only a test

Pulling fragments of hair out from heads due to frustration, students gear up for testing craziness and tough projects

Ranging from dreaded summer reading exams to preparing for massive two-day U.S.

History tests like Dawn Sparling, junior, students painfully studied and prepared for tests and crazy projects. Staying up late nights to finish up essays and presentations did not prove uncommon.

"The Constitution test in U.S. History for Mr. (Mike) Blaze was the hardest test I ever took," Dawn said. "He made us think it was

■ **mouth watering**
Crunching numbers to find the mean number of M & Ms, seniors Debby Feldman, Kara Argus, Caroline Miller and Adam Noel investigate rows of the candy. Students had the chance to sample their data after their study.

easy, but it wasn't."

Veering away from traditional testing, the Biology cells project, the junior research paper and first interviews in Journalism I crazed students.

test time

Beyond the normal IBM or essay exam, alternative assessments include all of the following except:

- saving Coach Davis from drowning in lifesaving
- paying off your teacher with last night's lottery winnings
- demonstrating nuclear division using beads in AP Bio
- writing a six to eight page paper on philosophy

Answer D

"My English research project was the toughest," Abby Hartman, junior, said. "I liked 'White Fang', so I picked Jack London."

Summer Reading pangs and looming tests laid in the back of student's minds, but the work and dedication to do well paid off when a positive grade returned.

test time

To complete his required Summer Reading exams, Steve Desancic, freshman, focuses on his test as Mrs. Mary Yorke, English teacher, observes. Students took three tests to account for 25 percent of their first six weeks' English grade.



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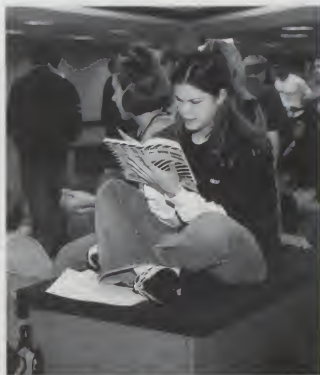


mark circles dark

With scantron answer sheet in hand, Maureen Malungcot, junior, concentrates on her physics test in 2nd hour. "Mr. Curme's examples were so easy, but on the tests, they were so hard," Maureen said. "I didn't even know why I tried to study for that test because it was impossible."

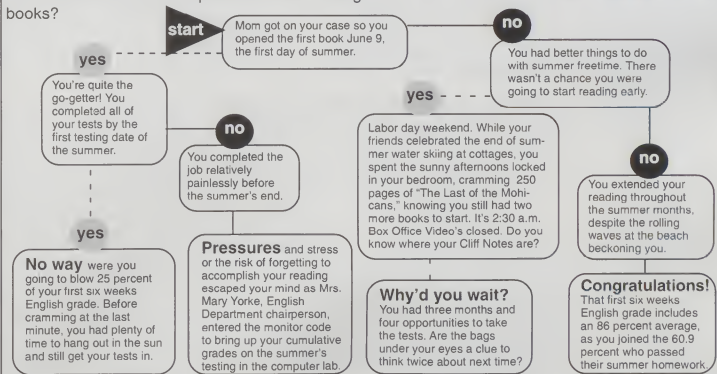
dante's wrath

Because required literature proved difficult to understand at times, Melissa Hecimovich, senior, uses the aid of Cliff's Notes to guide with her reading in the Commons. Ranging from Dante's *Inferno* to *Romeo and Juliet*, the assistance of the Cliffs helped students better prepare for testing.



Freedom...76 days of no more reading, no more books, no more teachers dirty looks! Wait a minute, what about those three required summer reading books?

read it or weep



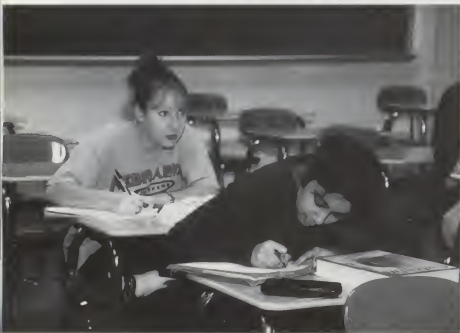
■ caught in the act

In front of potential cast members, Elyse Soto, junior, tries out for *Frankenstein*. "I took a deep breath and went for it," Elyse said.



■ take note

Intent on keeping up with derivatives and integrals, seniors Janna Lorenzen and Neha Kansal copy problems in Mr. Robert Wendall's AP Calculus class. "The whole idea of calculus was intimidating, but it really wasn't that bad," Janna said.



■ group focus

With desks huddled together, juniors Brian Treasure, Nick Kubacki and Brad Wenner study together in U.S. History while Mr. Hal Coppage helps out. Students tackled an average of one essay per night in the class, but learned not to fear intimidating assignments.



cutting out of the phobias

Whether sprouting from difficult exams or science labs, students find academic phobias nothing to fret over

Because Meredith Nelson, junior, happened to be the only one in Zoology with rubber gloves, her lab partner handed the nervous girl the dissection utensils. Although frightened at first, somehow Meredith discovered, in the midst of oozing starfish juice, that she had conquered her fear and performed her first dissection. Throughout high school, students faced challenges that entailed fear. Students determined their own ways to deal with stress and overcome their phobias.

While school work and projects rarely proved traumatic, students still perceived themselves held back by fear. Whether from thick books or from teachers, students felt overwhelming stress.

"I was afraid to dissect because I didn't exactly know what I was going to be touching," Leslie Barton, senior, said. "But, Janna (Lorenzen, senior) made me touch it and I got over it."

Positive peer pressure helped students feel less alone in their fears. However, the relief felt after

accomplishing "the impossible" ultimately proved the best device for eliminating phobias.

"I was afraid to light the Bunsen burner," Tiffany Sanders,

■ competence

In hopes of understanding comments made in green ink on her paper, Emily Herrin, senior, and Mrs. Mary Yorke, composition teacher, go over her latest theme. "I had heard that Mrs. Yorke was hard, but when you were in her class, she was quite reasonable," Emily said.

sophomore, said. "Usually my lab partner did it, but he wasn't there one day. I burned my finger, but I was happy."

Hearing stories from older siblings and friends, students sometimes encountered classes with fears of the teacher. These fears passed after the class developed a routine.

"I was scared of (Mr. Hal) Coppage's AP U.S. History class because we wrote two essays each night," Steve Lindemann, junior, said. "I eventually just got used to it. Now I can write essays without worrying."

After a semester of work, students looked forward with some dread and uneasiness to final exams.

Preparation given by teachers helped to refocus students on the material and ease anxieties. Other students prepared on their own.

"I typed up all my notes and highlighted the important parts," Rachel Franklin, freshman, said. "I organized my life. I had about fifteen pages of notes per subject, but it was worth it because I felt prepared."

After completing the dissection, Meredith removed her rubber gloves with a sigh. By conquering her fear, she found Zoology became easier and easier.

test time

The best way to overcome your fears in class:

- a. picture your peers and teacher in their underwear
- b. face fears head on
- c. take a deep breath and relax
- d. all of the above

■ close cut

Holding the scissors steady, Meredith Nelson, junior, grimaces as she dissects a frog in Zoology. "Dissecting made it a lot easier to learn about the animals," Meredith said. "It was definitely worth it because you never forgot the stuff you learned if you dissected it."

Phobias

Answer: d.

looking to weekend freedom

Sixty, fifty-nine, fifty-eight, when will that bell ring? After 25,200 seconds spent each day in school, the allure of upcoming weekend plans consumes minds

Friday:

Break Free



■ Tapping her fingers over her desk in Mrs. Beth Vesa's sixth hour Algebra, **Lizzy Grady**, freshman, stared down the clock. The time spent in those last few minutes felt like an eternity.

She joined her classmates gathered by the door. As the bell rang, Lizzy let out a sigh of relief, as she found herself released from the week's pressures.

After two and a half hours of softball practice, Lizzy and teammate Katie Kooy, freshman, planned for the night ahead. The girls decided to stake out at Katie's after stuffing themselves with Schoop's hamburgers.

"Going to Schoop's was just kind of a last minute thing for after practice," Katie said. "We both ordered the cheese fries with chocolate shakes."

After dinner, they spent a good part of the night talking and eating with a favorite dip of the two.

"The cream and shredded cheese chili dip tradition started when Lizzy broke her ankle (December '97)," Katie said. "She had nothing to do, so my mom suggested I do something; I made the dip and brought it over."

Chili dip, boys and school behind the two girls, they didn't let any of the evening go to waste by staying up until 2 a.m., as their "girls' night out" proved another success.



Tape Escape



■ Feeling the freedom from school's routine changed after a couple of hours as **Nick De Boer**, junior, prepared for his Friday evening job. At 6 p.m., he adjusted his bow tie and perfected details on his "Hollywood Video" uniform. His job enthusiasm diminished over time.

"I used to think that, 'wow, putting away videos would be a pretty easy job,'" Nick said. "But it was such a pain after a few months."

He stayed at the store until his shift ended at midnight, but on some nights his managers kept him til the wee hour of the morning, to finish straightening misplaced tapes or cleaning the store.

"The job got rather boring most of the time," Nick said. "but I usually just worked nights, so I got to sleep in on Saturdays."



Tune Up

■ Sounds of squeaks, high notes and screeches emerged from the band room. **Scott Boudi**, sophomore, arrived at 5:30 p.m. with his uniform ready. After warming up, the drum majors, seniors

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Great escape

Released from the school's doors, Jessica Lotak, junior, and sophomores Kelly Dickens, Krystle Michel and Sonya Garcia leave the building. "I was happy to be out of school," Jessica said. "Just knowing we didn't have anything to do, was so nice."



Game time

At the Boys' Varsity Basketball game, sophomores Tom Hayes and Bill Bosak sit and chat in the rows of bleachers. "I always went to the games to have fun with friends," Bill said. "It gave us a chance to meet up."



Chill out

To escape Friday evening's boredom, seniors Traci Kutlik and Sally Demkowicz, and Renee Halajcsik, junior, eat at Round the Clock, sampling Lemon Rice soup. "We were really bored; that was a last resort," Sally said.

Ready and waiting

In an attempt to leave first, students sweat it out after school in the line of cars in the south parking lot. When the bell rang every Friday, students could be seen scurrying from the building, ready to begin their weekend.

Caffeine fix

Preparing a cappuccino for a customer Lauren Pestikas, junior, fulfills her duties in the café at Borders. "I liked working

in the café, but I would have rather worked during the week so I could spend the weekends with my friends," Lauren said.

Check it out

Spending a night out, sophomores Angela Adams, Ariel Plowman and Danielle DeLaney, junior, look at the CD display case at Circuit City. "My friends and I didn't really do anything special on the weekends," Danielle said. "We just hung out and did whatever we felt like."

Lat your service

To complete his job as a service clerk, Don Koschnitzky, senior, aligns carts at Jewel-Osco. "I hated working on the weekends, even though Sundays weren't that bad because you got paid an extra dollar per hour," Don said.



Meghan Ambre and Amanda Zivich inspected his uniform "to make sure it was ok, the pants were the right length and everything was straight," Scott said.

Another typical fall Friday night for 115 band members got underway as they prepared for a home varsity football game. With tuning finished, the band trudged out the doors, lined up and marched in formation to the field.

"During time outs, touch downs, field goals, fumble recoveries or any other breaks in the game action, the band would play together," Scott said.

Completing his performance on the trumpet, Scott's weekend activities began as school-required activities ended. Joining sophomore friends and fellow band members Dan Whitting and Kyle Gilbert,

the group grabbed a bite to eat at Commander and Dairy Queen, relieved with four required band hours behind them.

Saturday:

Early Riser

The incessant alarm clock ringing made Jenny Burrell, senior, cringe at the loud buzzing sound.

As she reached for the snooze button, thoughts of last night raced through her mind.

"Why did I stay out last night with my friends to wake up so early?" Jenny said.

The red glowing numbers bearing 6 a.m. made Saturday feel like a school day. Jenny's mother worked as an office manager, and Jenny got a job with her, finding herself scheduled for the first shift.

"Since my mom worked at H & R Block, I woke up with her. I worked as a receptionist to set up appointments, file away tax forms, answer the phone and greet people as they came in."

When she left the building at 3 p.m., the painful early morning rise escaped her mind, and she had the rest of the day and the night to enjoy with her friends.

Mid-day Break

Merely as a spectator to cheer on classmates at the state Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) contest, Kellie Curran, senior, traveled to Indianapolis with Abigail Wallace, senior, and Jordan Richardson, freshman. The trip required two and a half hours of driving, while the actual competition took four hours to complete.



After Jordan, Abigail and Kelly Lorenz, junior, took a First Place standing, they traveled around the city.

"They had this store, Gallanas, that had rock climbing inside. We wanted to try climbing, but the line was really long." The girls ended the afternoon shopping for Turnabout dresses, as Kellie succeeded in the perfect long lilac dress.

Store Obsessed

Escaping from Munster, junior **Rachel Chmerinski's** face lit up with the sight of River Oaks.

"I got so excited to go shopping; you don't have to ask me twice. I'm a shopping freak," Rachel said.

Following her initial entrance into her paradise, Rachel stopped at American Eagle, her favorite store, to check out the

latest clothes in stock.

In search of more items, Rachel continued to the Gap. Because of her love of formal dresses, she made sure to include Marshall Field's and Cantos in her "mall run." Beyond clothing, she paused at Spencer's Gifts to gaze at the store's black lights and key chains.

Her stomach rumbling and mouth watering, Rachel "always made a stop" at her second favorite store, Auntie Anne's, for a pretzel (sesame seeds with cream cheese). After that tradition, the pink hearts beckoning her from Victoria's Secret made her come inside before leaving.

"For Valentine's Day, my friend (Angelic Martich, junior) bought me the heart shimmering lotion and body spray; I loved it. I always ended up buying something.

Right read

Sifting through magazines at Borders Books & Music, Gregg Sorrels, freshman, reads an article in *Wizards*. "I went to Borders because I got to read about the latest comic news," Gregg said. "It was a cool hangout to go with friends."

In the groove

After the Winter Homecoming game, sophomore Alisa Witherow, senior Joe Kelley, and junior Ryan Sharron, dance in the Commons. "John (O'Block) won prince for the Winter Homecoming, so we decided to go to the dance after," Joe said. "It was fun, and the music was good."



Oh my God, I could have lived there."

Date of Fate



On an anniversary of their relationship, **Sarah Susoreny**, junior, and her boyfriend Jared Wojcik, Griffith senior, spent 'date night' Saturday differently.

"I got up really early, about 8 a.m., took a shower and put on my face as usual," Sarah said. "I made us a picnic lunch."

Instead of the normal "dinner and a movie" setting, Sarah planned an outing in Chicago. Equipped with Snack Pack's jello pudding, turkey sandwiches, Orange Slice, Ruffles potato chips, and chicken noodle soup, the two drove downtown.

With a picnic awaiting them, Sarah and Jared visited Shedd Aquarium. "I liked the penguins and Beluga whales," Sarah said. Out on the lake shore by the docks after

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Weekends

Risk takers

To win the game, freshmen Kevin Wadycki and Chris Pykosz roll the dice trying to take each other's countries. "We usually just went to someone's house and played video and computer games, and stuff like capture the flag," Kevin said.

Show time

Prepared to see the latest release at Showplace 16, Jordan Anderson, sophomore, hands her ticket over. Ranging from smash hits like *Star Wars* to slap stick comedies such as "There's Something About Mary," students flocked to area theaters to cash in their dough for a few hours as a weekend treat.



the show, they consumed their lunch.

"We went to the Alley on Melmont, a store that sold T-shirts, bowls, piercing stuff, everything, even lingerie," Sarah said. "Then we went to the three-level Army surplus store, but I saved money and didn't buy anything. Actually, I didn't have any money; I spent it on the soup."

After their jam-packed day, the couple packed up to return home.

"It was a great day," Sarah said. "Any day I was with Jared was great."

Action!



Walking through the theater, bypassing the ticket lines, **Laura Franckevicius**, senior, moved to the usher and handed over her *Varsity Blues* ticket. Most movie-goers stayed behind, creeping towards the

front.

"We bought tickets early because someone was always late; if we waited we would never get in," Laura said.

After getting past the second usher, Laura and her friends stopped at the concession center and bought a bag of popcorn and pop, which they all shared.

"The theater wasn't the same if you didn't buy something to eat or drink."

Tickets purchased early allowed the girls to arrive at the theater only a few minutes before show time. Choosing seats did not pose any particular problems. The girls held a tradition as they always sat in one of two places.

"We either rocked the chairs during the movie or put our feet up on the ledge."

As the lights dimmed the girls quieted and turned their attention to the previews flashing across the screen.

Game Time



While upperclassmen drove about town, **Ray Fandl**, freshman, got dropped off at a friend's house. Ray spent the evening racing the track in *Mario Kart* on Nintendo 64, with the sounds of his friends playing *You Don't Know Jack* across the room. Q101 streamed loudly out of the surround sound speakers, but suddenly cut off when he turned the TV to Channel 32 at 10:30 p.m. Ray and his friends sprawled over furniture as the opening of *The Simpsons* flashed across the screen.

"We all watched *The Simpsons*," Ray explained. "It was one of our favorite shows and we always watched it."

As the Bart ended his antics, Ray turned the TV off and the games back on. A horn blared at midnight and Ray got up to look



out a window, saw his mom, and said goodbye.

Sunday: Sit and Relax

⌚ The smell of pancakes cooking in the kitchen below her awakened **Betty Hoyle**, sophomore, from dreams. After a shower, she went downstairs and sat at the table with the Sunday paper and chatted with her mother.

Her mother turned on the radio and soft, mellow sounds floated out of the small speakers. The shrill ringing of her fathers' business line interrupted the quiet conversation and music. Betty jumped for the phone and awaited the second ring, which specified which phone rung.



Quick read

Thumbing through YM Magazine's Prom issue, sophomores Margaret DeDios and Laura Lopez talk about styles and fashion. "We didn't know then if we were going, but it was still fun," Margaret said.

Play time

Intent on playing 007, freshmen Daniel Barton and Marcus Campos spend the afternoon hanging out in the Barton's basement. Underclassmen spent their time with friends mainly close to home.



"At times it was hard to tell the difference between the rings on our home line and the office line," Betty said.

Betty sat back down and shuffled through the ads in the paper, setting aside her favorites, hoping to find a good sale.

Teacher Preacher

⌚ Giving up her Sunday afternoon, **Sarah Najamuddin**, senior, traveled to the new IIA Islamic School in Highland to teach three age level groups of children. Each student, required to attend four subjects which Sarah taught. She added excitement to the classes by playing religious games, reading stories and having special parties.

"We didn't celebrate many holidays, so every once in a while we had a party and gave grab bags for the kids."

For four hours she rotated from classroom to classroom teaching. Sarah dealt with leading the different age groups of students, ranging from ages four to twelve years old.

"There were some good and some rowdy kids in the bunch, and you had to take the good with the bad."

Chill Out

⌚ Stretching in the chair by his computer, **Brad Wenner**, junior, awaited one of many responses from an on-line friend. Brad, like hundreds of other Munster students, spent Sunday evenings talking to friends, searching the web and sending e-mails.

"Homework always got done at the last minute on Sunday; who wanted to do homework over the weekend!"

True colors

Meeting his third grade pen pal from Elliot Elementary School, Andy Justak, senior, draws pictures with Patrick Howard. "He kind of idolized me," Andy said. "I planned to keep writing to him. I wanted to be some kind of influence."



One jump ahead

With arms stretched up, Erik Merckell, senior, and his sister Rachel Merckell, junior, aim to tip the ball to start a game during practice at Wilbur Wright Middle School. Erik and Rachel practiced together two to three times per week towards the end of the girls' season to help the team prepare for Sectionals.



Sent packing

Over fall break, Anne Ellis, senior, and her mother pack for Disney World. "I considered my parents to be my best friends," Anne said.

Forever friends

During passing period, freshmen Jessie Wilks and Stephanie Zeck chat. "We met in dance and became best friends," Stephanie said.





Drawn together

Throughout high school, students encounter relationships with family and peers, resulting in supportive friendships or love

Anticipating an evening with her dad, Amanda Aguilera, junior, prepared herself for the Aerosmith concert. Breaking stereotypes of typical father-daughter relationships, Amanda and her father spent time together more as cronies than close relatives.

"My dad and I were more like friends," Amanda said. "He could be more like a teenage brother than a father, but he was also a father. All the stupid mistakes he made in the '70's he could tell me not to do. That was probably the best thing about him."

Relationships took on an array of forms that affected

students. From the very beginnings of their lives, parents proved important. Whether serving as role models, disciplinarians, guardians, or friends; parents often influenced choices and attitudes. Students realized the importance of parents as they tackled difficult decisions throughout their high school careers.

However, seniors especially came to this realization as they prepared to leave their home life behind in pursuit of a college education.

"I was used to being away from my parents for amounts of time," Anne Ellis, senior, said. "I knew it would be hard, but with e-mail and phones and letters and cars, I knew I'd still see them."

As all relationships changed over time, the nuclear family became less common, with certain students spending time with only one parent or alternating between both.

In addition to parents, siblings proved important in relationships. Often, siblings dealt with stereotypes such as constantly pestering or annoying each other. However, not all siblings antagonized each other.

"My sister and I were very close," Greg Thaera, senior, said. "We were in the same (AP) Bio class and we put up with being lab partners."

Students that did not see siblings in school or did not

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Sign language

Before the Homecoming parade, Scott Senchak, senior, discusses signs for the German Club float with Mrs. Helga Meyer, German Club sponsor. "She was one of the easiest teachers to get along with," Scott said. "She taught me to work hard in life."

Drawn together

continued

live with them at home still managed to keep in close contact. By visiting at colleges or going out on the weekends, students kept up with family ties.

"My relationship with my sister was good," Katie Paliga, freshman, said. "We didn't live together, and I think that was what made us so close; we didn't have the opportunity to fight."

When students left for school each morning, coming into contact with other students followed inevitably. Friendships formed over time in classes, clubs and other extra-curriculars.

Students made their introductions to romance through dating. The joys and tribulations encountered in dating served to form distinct and potent relationships.

"I met (Ryan Dunn, senior)

through one of his friends freshman year," Sheri Meyers, junior, said. "We went through a lot together, which brought a lot of trust into the relationship."

Relationships did not only include humans. Students also took time out to care for pets. Walking and feeding animals often constituted chores, but students cared for animals willingly. The unconditional love given by pets brightened lives.

"My cat Sasquash used to sleep on my bed," Amanda Sleeper, senior, said. "I loved that. I wanted him to do that still, but it wasn't allowed."

Almost ready to leave for the concert, Amanda called down to her dad to see if he was ready. Excited about a night of fun, Amanda did not consider the very special and unusual relationship she had.

Small talk

As they take a break in the hall, Caroline Miller, senior, chats with her friend Steve Persic, junior. Caroline and Steve began their friendship during the football season when Caroline cheered.

Open arms

In the Commons, Ryan Dunn, senior, and Sheri Meyers, junior, spend their lunch period together. "We got along well, but we were not inseparable, which I thought was good," Sheri said.



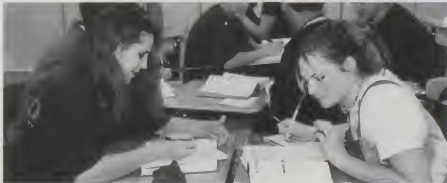


Paying a visit

After a long day of school, Amanda Zagorski, senior, stops in to talk with her grandfather Mr. John Edington, science teacher. Mr. Edington and Amanda developed a student-teacher relationship through zero-hour Project Biology.

Talk it over

Sitting together at lunch, juniors Kari Dumakowski and Mandy Biel talk over events of the day. "We had been good friends since the fourth grade when we had a car pool together," Kari said.



Hit the books

With desks pulled together, freshmen Christine Piorkowski and Ann Fabert answer questions on *Great Expectations*. Group work and projects offered friends the opportunity to interact during class time.

Homeward bound

While leaving the parking lot, Sarah Najamudden, senior, talks

with her sister Sadia, sophomore. "It gave us a chance to talk," Sarah said.

SANDING AND DRILLING, REHEARSALS IN HALLS PAY OFF AS PLAY BRINGS IN \$4612 on the Spot

Running around the stage, a white coated figure frantically searches through books and papers. He screamed and the creature in the background rose in answer.

"I picked *Frankenstein* for the fall play because out of the depths of old body parts, a new creature emerged just like out of the old auditorium the new facility arose," Director Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, said.

Along with the auditorium came new pressures and problems having to deal with the technical aspects of play preparations and time.

"Directing was pretty frustrating because I had to figure out how the stage blocking would work without having the auditorium the first few weeks of rehearsal," student director Joe Rybarczyk, senior, said.

With all the pressures involved with putting on a production, crazy moments lightened the stress.

"Teaching Bob how to kiss someone's hand was hilarious," Scot Goldyn,

senior, said. "He, for some reason, thought teeth were involved. Bob took Nicole Pellegrino's (sophomore) hand, opened his mouth all the way and touched her hand with his teeth, acting like it was completely normal."

The cast survived rehearsals in the hallways and the distracting noises from construction because of these fun moments. They memorized their lines and perfected their acting skills for opening night.

"The accent was Mrs. Kouris idea," Laura Polutnik, senior, said, describing the German accent she learned. "At first I didn't want to do it because I didn't think I could. But she gave me movies to watch and had me practice the accent since like the second day of practice."

Victor (Bob Yamtich) shot the creature (Sasa Vasic) who then ran from the house and was repeatedly shot by the police officer Ernst (Brandon Sweeney). Speculation rose as to whether or not the creature really died as the curtain fell and the audience erupted into applause.

Hands up

To give his character full reign over the scene, Sasa Vasic, senior, rants angrily because of Victor's refusal to create him a wife. "The handle on the doors (to the laboratory) broke so it was hard to close it," Sasa said. "But there were no major problems."

Frankenstein

Oct. 22 and 24

Tickets: \$5

Director:

Mrs. Renee Kouris

Student Director:

Joe Rybarczyk

Asst. Student

Director:

Scot Goldyn

Teamwork

Watching the actors on stage, assistant student director Scot Goldyn, senior, director Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, and student director Joe Rybarczyk, senior, comment on the play. Sharing directors' duties helped the play go smoothly.



Tech support

Fingers moving lightly over the sound board, Juan Pablo Roman Lagunas, junior, and Chris

Noble, senior, fine-tune the programming. The new board arrived just two weeks before opening night.



Eye to eye

Worried about what she hears, Nicole Pellegrino, sophomore, listens as Bob Yamtich, senior, tells her about the creature. Thought apprehended at the end, the creature's body remained unbound.

Time out

Resting on his desk, Bob Yamtich, senior, takes a break from creating a wife for the creature. "It (the first time on stage) was more of an excitement, or a pumped feeling than a nervousness," Bob said.



Frank discussion

In serious character juniors Brandon Sweeny, the police officer, and Nina Bilimoria, Victor Frankenstein's mother, discuss their concern over Victor's behavior. "It (the play) went very well," Brandon said. "The five minutes before I got on stage I was fine, just peaceful. I just went out and acted. We bonded at Commander; it was the official cast-bonding place."



Steady gaze

Concerned about the story of the creature, Joe Flores, junior, listens to Bob Yamtich as he hears the tale. Together Joe and Bob built the creature a wife.



WITH ONLY FOUR WEEKS OF PRACTICE, CAST PULLS OFF PERFORMANCE, ENTERTAINS AUDIENCES caught in the **Act**

A brightly lit room filled with two couches, two chairs, a staircase and topped off with blue and yellow wallpaper in a vicor's house in England set the stage for the winter play, *See How They Run*. The curtain opened, and the spotlight hit Ida, played by Kate Schoen, senior, as she hummed a tune while dusting an antique tea set.

Kate and eight other cast members were chosen out of over 90 hopeful actors and actresses. The fact that the script didn't offer the opportunity for more students to participate in the play upset certain people.

Mrs. Renee Kouris, director, explained that she selected *See How They Run* for a number of reasons. She chose it based on the fact that the administration only allotted her four weeks to produce the play due to Battle of the Bands and musical tryouts.

"As soon as practice started we had to work hard to learn our lines because we only had 17 practices," Kevin Cane, sophomore, said.

The selection also had sentimental value, because it was the first play Mrs. Kouris directed when she began 21 years ago. Although she had many memorable experiences, one stuck out in

her mind as the worst.

"Someone stole my grandmother's anniversary present that was handed down to me," Mrs. Kouris said. "It was an antique silver sugar bowl."

"I think we had a great cast and I think having a small cast really isn't constricting," Mark Olley, junior, said.

The small cast helped the practices flow smoothly and get the production out in time.

"I think it was a funny farce that worked well for a high school audience," Kate said. "The action moved quickly; there was always something going on. The plot was complicated, so the audience had to pay attention so they wouldn't miss anything."

As the lights dimmed out on the interior of the bright blue room, the laughter subsided. The cast took a bow and went backstage to shed their makeup and become students again.

Beyond belief

While Ida (Kate Schoen, senior) stares in disbelief, Miss Skillon (Nicole Pelligrino, sophomore) explains to the Reverend Lionel Toop (Kevin Cane, sophomore) that she had just seen his wife on the floor with another man. The cast rehearsed Monday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in a span of four weeks because of other scheduled events.

See How They Run

Feb. 18 and 20

Tickets: \$5

Director:

Mrs. Renee Kouris

Student Directors:

Joe Rybarczyk

Megan Graykowski



Student Life





Like and dislike

Angry with Rev. Lionel Toop (Kevin Cane, sophomore), Penelope Toop (Jodi Rosenthal, freshman) explains her dislike of Miss Skillon. Through their need to learn lines, the cast bonded.

Hurt feelings

To portray her anger to Rev. Lionel Toop (Kevin Cane, sophomore), Miss Skillon (Nicole Pellegrino, sophomore) gives him a disgusted look. "We had a small cast, so there weren't many opportunities to get out of control," Kevin said.



Backstage break

Taking a break from the excruciating practice schedule, Kate Schoen, senior, drinks a Sprite backstage during dress rehearsals. "The small cast was good for drama; it gave us better chemistry on stage."

Comforting words

With a confused look, the Bishop of Lax (Brandon Sweeney, sophomore) watches as Corporal Clive Winton (Roman Teller, sophomore) tries to revive Penelope Toop (Jodi Rosenthal, freshman) after she fainted.

Winter Play

Sing another tune

Singing "People Will Say We're in Love (reprise)," Laurey (Jenny Evans, senior) and Curly (Steve Pesich, junior) happily plan their marriage. "We got along great and I thought that was the best part," Jenny said.

Break time

In hopes of giving Laurey and Curly some privacy to argue, Aunt Eller (Nicole Pellegrino, sophomore) takes some time out. "We were really tight - especially the cast," Nicole said.

Song and dance

With open arms, Will Parker (Brandon Sweeney, sophomore) informs seniors Tony McCullough and Tony Qualls, Mike Boyle, sophomore, Brian Treasure, junior, Adam Samara, senior, and Rob Branson, sophomore, of the advances of Kansas City, MO. Dancers came two hours early to practice.



The pits

In the orchestra pit, Dr. Timothy Bartlett, music director, conducts senior Greg Thaera; freshmen Tedi Vlahu and Monica Adalescu; sophomores Keith Sorrels and Jeff Palmer; seniors Meghan Ambre and Ariane Peralta; freshman Sharon Goldyn; and senior Andy Dumaresq in rehearsal. "They (the pit) did very well, they were extremely well prepared and it showed," Dr. Bartlett said. "It was a resounding success."



Cover girl

To transform herself into Gertie Cummings, Allison Paliga, senior, carefully applies mascara before a performance. The cast

spent around two hours before each performance both getting into character and relaxing, according to Allison.





WITH ADDED ORCHESTRA PIT AND FLY SYSTEM, MUSICAL BENEFITS FROM INVOLVEMENT, NEW FACILITIES looking Up

With the orchestra still tuning, the last of the crowd filtered in Thursday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Suddenly, Dr. Timothy Bartlett, music director, cued the orchestra, and the lights dimmed. As strains of "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" echoed, Nicole Pellegrino, sophomore (portraying Aunt Eller), walked out and seated herself at a butter churn, and *Oklahama!* began.

Although in the making for three months, setbacks in construction deadlines left two barns out of the production to allow the cast to rehearse. Nevertheless, the cast and crew enjoyed the new technologies such as the orchestra pit.

"The main reason for having the orchestra pit was so you didn't see the orchestra," Dr. Bartlett said. "It let us be in our own little world and allowed us to concentrate better."

Despite adversities, *Oklahama!* incorporated several strong points into the production. Members helped and supported

each other through mutual closeness, according to Nicole.

"The song 'Oklahama!'" with the whole cast up there really made the show and knocked the audience off their feet," Steve Pesich, junior, said.

Despite the rushed atmosphere and minor setbacks, production members managed to pull off four relatively mistake-free performances while forming new friendships in the process.

"I was extraordinarily pleased (with the musical)," Mr. Larry Brechner, director, said. "I think it established a new standard for musicals at this school because we also had an extremely talented chorus and people backstage."

The audience applauded uproariously as the cast and

crew came together on stage for a final bow. With the three months of planning, work and practice behind them, they relished the enjoyment of their performance.

Indecent proposal

Portraying Ali Hakim and Ado Annie Carnes, Erik Tomeo, senior, explains "riding to the ends of the world" to Kate Shoen, senior. "I wasn't quite the player that Ali Hakim was, the way he moved from girl to guy; but I was kind of a crazy, wacky, cuckoo guy the way my character was," Erik said.

Oklahama!

April 29 - May 2

Tickets: \$5 (\$4 at

April 29 preview)

Producer/Director:

Mr. Larry Brechner

Student Director:

Joe Rybarczyk

Music Director:

Dr. Tim Bartlett

Dressing down

Inside the Smokehouse, Aunt Eller (Nicole Pellegrino, sophomore) reprimands Curly McLain (Steve Pesich, junior) and Jud Fry (Sasa Vasic, senior) for shooting a gun indoors. Although pitted against each other in the musical, actors formed friendships through months of practice.



Musical

Behind the Scenes

On stage with Madhatters senior members Ariane Peralta and Scott Senchak, David Tablion, senior, plays the keyboard. "My primary band was the Madhatters," David said. "Groovatron asked me to sit in for the show because their style could use a keyboard."

"Bass"ic Instinct

Plucking away at the strings of his Fender bass, Untitled member, Eric Flores, sophomore, keeps with the rhythm of the drummer. Although a fairly young band with no seniors, Untitled ended their night with a second place finish.



Spark the Beat

During Royal Blue's performance, David "Sparky" Mangus, senior, keeps the rhythm. "My love for drums started when I was four or five," David said. "I saw this guy make and play a Calypso steel drum on Channel 11."



musical notes

Bringing Battle to a new level, t-shirt wars moved competition beyond the auditorium, to the halls



sophomores Jennifer Solis and Christy Macak
175 shirts sold
Madhatters

Taken off the cover of an Alice in Wonderland movie, Torie Cox, senior, hand-drew the Madhatters' design, bringing a Phish-like image to the bright orange t-shirts.



seniors Matt Carton and Amanda Furtek
45 shirts sold
Surly Joe

Comfort proved as the key factor in choosing the color of the band's t-shirts, according to Matt Carton. He felt grey shirts were both more comfortable and different.



Roman Teller, sophomore
170 shirts sold
Groovatron

Not only did Groovatron have an orange shirt like the Madhatters, they also shared the same designer. Torie remained in "Phish-mode" for both of Groovatron's shirts.



Mike Baniak, junior
150 shirts sold
Royal Blue

According to Royal Blue's lead singer Adam Samara, senior, the band's t-shirts made fun of themselves, and the fact that they never play in front of an audience.

High Strung

Shining in sequins, Mary Spomar, junior, plays the violin. "Popular

bands were all male-dominant, so it was good that females were in our band," Mary said.

AFTER A ONE-YEAR ABSENCE DUE TO
 CONSTRUCTION, BATTLE OF THE BANDS
 RETURNS
 WITH OLD FACES AND NEW SETTINGS

Behind Battle

Staring back at the hundreds of pairs of eyes fixed on him, Chi Azodo, senior, took a deep breath and walked onto stage for his debut. Although the Madhatters had experience performing for crowds, Chi and his brother KK, senior, had no familiarity with the intense scene.

"I stared into the crowd and thought 'Oh my God, What if my voice cracks?'" Chi said. "But having my brother next to me helped."

As the Azodo brothers performed Will Smith's "Gettin' Jiggy With It," students rose from their seats to their feet and put their hands together for Battle's first ever rap performance.

Lead singer Scott Senchak, senior, won Battle his freshman year and hoped to leave high school with a win as well.

"The competition was harder this year," Scott said. "But we played more types of music. We didn't cover one style, but most styles of music."

While the Madhatters played lighter selections such as the Dave Matthews Band, Undecided chose heavier songs, such as Limp Bizkit's "Faith." The Madhatters had existed for almost two

years, while Undecided came together just weeks before Battle try-outs. However, they did not let inexperience dwindle their performance.

"I was jamming a month before tryouts with the guys," lead singer Jon Glueckert, junior, said. "Then we brought Dave (Byttow, junior,) in two weeks before."

Untitled earned second place, impressing both the crowd and the judges. The band's title also stirred up discussion as well.

"We weren't untitled," Jon said. "Untitled was the title."

Groovatron kicked off the competition for the night.

Walking on stage in an

orange jumpsuit with two police officers, lead singer Gilbert Bogнар, senior, brought energy to the crowd.

"We didn't play that great," Marc Quagliara, senior, said. "I understood why the judges didn't place us."

After a night of familiar songs and new sounds, the Madhatters finished at the top, with the experience of the band, as well as the energy of Chi and KK pulling them ahead. Untitled and Surly Joe fell right behind them, winning second and third, respectively.

Gettin' Jiggy

Rapping to Will Smith's, "Gettin' Jiggy With It," Chi Azodo, senior, performs with the Madhatters. "I was surprised at the reaction," Chi said. "Parents were telling us what an energy boost we were."

Loud and Proud

With his newly bleached hair, lead singer of the Madhatters, Scott Senchak, senior, belts out Aerosmith's "Walk This Way." "I wanted to do something to intrigue the audience so I bleached my hair," Scott said.

Battle of the Bands

March 12, 6:30p.m.

Tickets:

\$5 in advance

\$7 at the door

Sponsored by:

Student Government



Battle of the Bands

Arm in Arm

Dancing close, Lisa Pleitner, sophomore, and her date, a Morton student, gaze at the surrounding couples and

decorations. Students made plans with friends for after the dance as a way to continue forming memories in a night they would remember.



It's Electric

Taking a break from their dates, freshmen Angela Myers and Stephanie Rosenbaum join with their fellow freshmen girl friends in the electric slide. While students spent the majority of their night with their dates, they made sure to leave time to make memories with friends.

Hey Mr. DJ

To request a song, seniors Dan Dukich and Sarah Alexander talk to the DJ between tunes. Students inquired for songs as well as dedications to athletic teams to bring back memories and make new ones.



Ready and Raring

Waiting to start the dancing, Lauren Brown, junior; Dorian Menchaca, senior; and juniors Maureen Malungcot and Lee Nadolski anticipate the night's festivities as they approach the Commons. Students commented favorably on the waves of balloons that led to the Commons as well as the rest of the dance decorations.



Dance With Me

Off in their own world, seniors Ryan Bacon, Jenny Hughes and

Matt Novotney dance to swing music brought back into popularity by teens everywhere.

BETWEEN DECORATIONS, MUSIC, PICTURES AND FRIENDS, NEPTUNE'S GARDEN TAKES STUDENTS TO A WORLD UNDER-THE-SEA

Holding On

Walking into waves of balloons as they strolled in the Commons, students encountered "Neptune's Garden." From blue, green and white balloon bubbles to the underwater-like picture background, the homecoming dance soon took on its own world.

Although Student Government's \$2,500 worth of decorations caught students' eyes, something else grabbed their attention: the music. While some students liked the music provided by 2001 DJ Service, many remained dissatisfied with the selection.

"It was fun, but I was really disappointed in the music selection. I would've liked more modern music,"

Stephanie Gill, junior, said. "They played three slow songs and three swing songs in a row."

While long waiting lines for pictures frustrated many wanting to get back to the dance floor, determined students did not allow a few minor inconveniences get in the way of their big night. Others recalled different, less pleasant memories of the dance.

"I stood in line for pictures most of the night; maybe 45 minutes and that took forever," Ellen Smith, junior, said.

Besides the wait, surprised students picked up their pictures two weeks later,

only to find them ruined, out of focus, or with color distortion. Unhappy students received reimbursements.

Although some students remembered unsatisfactory moments, others did not permit any disappointments to plaze them

"It was fun for my first high school dance," Lauren Ziemba, freshman, said. "It was different from St. Tom's dances. It was a lot more fun; even after when we went to (Kevin) Kutansky's house."

Students made their own fun after the dance. While Jett French, freshman, and his group took a limo to the Rainforest Café in Chicago, Karen Lorenzyn, junior, and her group decided to not spend so much on

Homecoming. They decided the drive-thru at Wendy's on Calumet Avenue in Munster would be more than adequate for the end to their night.

Despite inconveniences, most students still managed to stay afloat and end the evening on a positive note.

Head of the Line

Upon entering the dance, freshmen Kayte Sline, Joe Fray, and Michael Liskji give their tickets and receive a wallet-size photo magnet as a favor. With all the students dancing on the crowded Commons floor, students often sought refuge in the calmer, quieter and cooler refreshment area.

Neptune's Garden

Oct. 10

Tickets:

couples \$25

singles \$13

Sponsored by-

Student

Government

Music

2001 DJ Service



Homecoming
Dance

Golden Shimmer

At the end of the night, freshmen Rachel Vanderhei and Michelle Bembinista search the balloons to find their names. "Turnabout was meant more for upperclassmen," Michelle said.

Bust A Move

Dancing alongside her boyfriend, freshmen Vanessa Withrow and Kyle Hayes loosen up and dance at their first high school formal. "I wanted to dress up and have a great time with my boyfriend," Vanessa said. "Turnabout was more than I expected. I didn't really think it would be as pretty as it was."

Right Time

Walking towards the Commons under the clock threshold, freshmen Christine Dicostranzo and Karen Lindemann join their friends. The clock served as the centerpiece of the dance.



Swing Kids

Breaking away from the crowd, sophomores Katie Yerga and Mike Panich swing dance along with the music. Sound Sensation played a variety of music from the Spice Girls to Shania Twain.



Dance With Me

Kicking off her shoes, Katie Thompson, freshman, shows-off

her dance skills with Erin Kolb freshman. "Our dates didn't want to dance, Erin said.

LARGE CLOCKS, GOLD BALLOONS AND KIM
ANDERSON PHOTOS HELP THE COUPLES REMEMBER
THE NIGHT "TIME AFTER TIME"

Star Struck

Gold balloons shimmered while the couples strutted in their formal gowns and suits from the Food Court, turned coatroom area, to the Commons. Students entered through a huge clock, as the theme unraveled through the decorations. The music blasted from the massive black speakers as the dancing began.

The varsity cheerleaders had the task of putting together the dance. Seniors Kimm Hoge, Caroline Miller and Gia Ghezzi chose the theme "Time After Time."

"We really wanted to reflect on all our memories since we were seniors and this was the perfect theme to do it," Captain Kimm Hoge, senior, said. "Munster never had this theme before."

Seniors felt the theme fit the dance and their year. After four years of dances and memories, seniors set foot in the Commons for the last time, leaving behind the good times.

"The theme made me look back at all the dances and good times," Joe Howarth, senior, said. "It wasn't all that

different than any of the other dances; it was just that it was my last year."

From the underclassmen perspective, students felt that they attended a worthwhile dance, but more planned for

seniors. Even though the dance came filled with ups and downs, students still enjoyed themselves.

"I thought the theme was appropriate, but not exactly for the sophomores and freshmen," Marisa Anzur, sophomore, said. "The dance was later than usual and the DJ was a little corny. I had a good time anyways because of my date and friends."

Since Turnabout centered around a girl asking a guy to go, girls had to cope with the nervousness when walking

up to their potential date.

Once "Time after Time" stopped playing, the couples gathered their belongings to leave. They grabbed their balloons reflecting each couple's names and their snowglobe picture frame souvenir as they headed out the doors talking about their upcoming after-dance celebration plans.

Memorable Romance

Grabbing senior Dan Watson's hands, Jeanie Knish, junior, laughs as she pulls him closer to dance to a slow song. "The dance was special to me because it was one of our last dances together since Dan was a senior and leaving for college," Jeanie said.

Holding Tight

Swaying to the slow music, Kristen Jabaay, sophomore, and Josh Reed, junior, take a moment to share some time together alone. "The dance was memorable to me because dances are my favorite school sponsored function to go to," Kristen said.

Time After Time

March 13

Tickets.

couples \$ 32

singles \$ 15

Sponsored by:

Cheerleaders

Music.

Sound Senation



Turnabout
Dance

Elegant Arrival

To enter the dance, Dan Maurer, senior, and Sheila Rane, junior, strut to the doors. "Prom topped a good senior year and my date made it even better," Dan said. "I took her on a horse carriage ride in downtown Chicago the Saturday following because we ran out of time that night."



Royal Flush

Slow dancing shortly after being announced Prom Queen and King, seniors Caroline Miller and Jack Dillon dance together. "I was surprised and excited," Caroline said. "Jack and I were just looking at each other because we felt kind of stupid from everyone staring. I wanted to call my parents right away. They weren't home, so I left a message. I called them the next day, but they thought I was joking on the machine."



Garter Grab

Seated at their table, Terryn Funston, sophomore, and Steve Lindemann, junior, check out Terryn's frilly garter.



Top

Post-Prom Activities

Laughter and roaring rides beckon Prom parties to escape Munster's borders

1. Aaron Weinberg's 38-person group trekked out to Stevensville, MI to spend the weekend at a **cottage**.
2. The **Jamaican boat** downtown helped students dance away on Lake Michigan, displaying the Chicago skyline.
3. Raging Bull, the newest roller coaster release, taunted brave riders to head out to Gurnee, IL for thrills and chills at **Great America** despite long lines and crowds.
4. Laughs, giggles and chuckles at **The Second City** comedy club had teens rolling on the floors with laughter.
5. Canoeing, hiking and horseback riding beckoned from **Turkey Run State Park** in down-state Indiana, urging students to tough out the 2 and-a-half hour drive to camp out, barbecue and nail some trails.



Slow Escape

Resting on senior Jake Schoon's shoulder, Rachel Ispas, junior, holds tight. "Prom had an upbeat atmosphere," Jake said.



FROM BALLOON ARCHWAY IN FIELDHOUSE TO CLASSY
ICE SCULPTURE AT DANCE, COUPLES DISCOVER
ROSES UNDER STARLIGHT

Stretch in Style

When Dave Mulcahey, senior, woke up Prom morning, he would have never expected the events that would unravel.

Dave's limo company called at 10:30 a.m. to say they had trouble with incapacitated limousines. Even though everyone had already paid in full for two limousines, the company sent only one limo. The group fit 19 people in the existing 10-person vehicle. The weight of each individual caused the back end to drag and scrape the ground, allowing the car to only travel 45 mph.

Although Dave's group had problems, others didn't suffer the same trouble.

"It was fun and I had a good time," Brian Bishop, senior, said. "The best part was leaving the dance and going to have a real time. We went to Great America on Sunday and it was fun."

"I had a good time because I taught my boyfriend how to dance," Sarah Susoreny, junior, said. "He never danced well, he slow danced. I stopped him from doing the bus driver. I grabbed his arms and told him he was going to learn, and now he dances normal."

Before trying out dancing shoes,

Name Game

Upon entering the dance, Mark Joseph, senior, searches for his name card in a sea of names to keep his spot at his table. When couples entered the lobby, they gazed at an ice sculpture carved of roses and stars.

students encountered the first-time ever Grand March staged in the fieldhouse from 4:15-6:45 p.m. Professional couple photographs had to be taken at the

march. After charging \$1 per non-attendant, Dollars for Scholars aimed to place proceeds towards a scholarship for seniors.

Couples strutted around the main basketball court in front of friends and relatives. Dissent arose about the march, and some couples took their photos at a local studio that created special packages for Prom-goers.

"The Grand March was alright," Kristin Cane, senior, said. "The march part was

fine and not bad. There was a decent amount of people watching."

Although juniors and seniors ranted over the march, out of the 203 dance tickets sold, 62 couples didn't show.

Despite initial complaints on a new tradition and unruly limousine troubles, students ditched their jeans and khakis for dresses and tuxedos. Whether picking up photos from Wahlberg Photography or receiving pictures from a local studio, couples made *Starlight and Roses* a memorable occasion.

Star Gaze

Dangling from above, stars hang from the ceiling. Junior CEC went the extra mile to carry through the theme by decorating each table with miniature confetti stars, a rose centerpiece and small memory books.



Diploma Fan

After returning his gold hood, Chris Schneider, senior, cheers as he receives his diploma and collects his fans. "I guess they were worried we would try to make a scene," Chris said.

Hotter than Hot

Waiting in the south hall, Amanda Lininger, senior, opens her gown in an effort to cool down before Commencement begins. Due to the lack of air conditioning in the fieldhouse, students tried various ways to beat the heat.

Worth the Wait

Anxiously awaiting their turns, seniors Anna Koslowska, Natalie Johnson and Mark Joseph watch fellow classmates receive their diplomas. Students received cheers from family and friends in the crowd after walking on stage to receive their diplomas.



Hats Off

Officially pronounced graduates, the Class of 1999 cheers. "I will miss how close our class was and how we didn't let popularity contests win over our class," Amy Pykosz, senior, said.



The Three Amigos

To please their parents, seniors Pat Crawford, Bob Austgen and Aaron Weinberg pose together in the Commons to capture their last moments together within

school walls on film. Following Commencement exercises, graduates gathered together crying, congratulating and snapping pictures.





FROM BATTERY-OPERATED FANS TO HOMEMADE PAPER ONES, SENIORS ADJUST TO 95 DEGREE HEAT, BID FINAL FAREWELLS TO FRIENDS, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATION

Last Hurrah

Attempting to alleviate the hot and humid conditions within the south hallway, Ann Spolnik, senior, ripped apart pieces of her graduation program. With a look of disgust, she viewed her reflection in a classroom window and watched a trail of dripping sweat roll down her face. Students followed Ann's example by taking their own pieces of the program and transforming them into self-propelled fans.

Shortly after the 1 p.m. scheduled start, seniors proceeded into the field-house, finding the temperature drastically higher than what they experienced in the south hall just moments before.

"Oh my God, it was so hot in there!" Debbie Feldman, senior, said. "I saw people sweating through their robes. It just disgusted me. We stole a program to fan ourselves from the heat."

With Greg Zeck, senior, giving the seniors advice taken from *The Wizard of Oz* and Hiral Shah, senior, reviewing the major events of the past four years, the

Speak Out

To recap the four years, Salutatorian Hiral Shah, senior, reminds graduates of school and world events that shaped the class.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian addressed the graduating Class of 1999.

"I was really nervous about being in front of so many people," Hiral said. "But when I saw my friends smiling at me, I felt more comfortable."

After all 274 seniors marched across

the stage to receive their diplomas, Mr. Michael O'Connor, principal, instructed the graduates to shift their tassels from the left to the right, finalizing their high school careers.

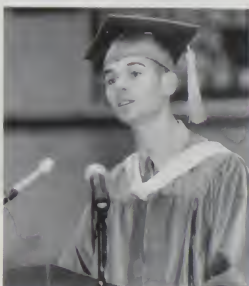
"I thought everyone was going to miss the security of high school," Jack Dillion, senior, said. "We as seniors had been at this high school

for four years, and it was hard letting go. It would be hard to start all over."

Rushing into the air-conditioned Commons after the ceremony, graduates greeted and congratulated friends, while waiting for family members to make their way through the crowds. After a day filled with mixed emotions, graduates said goodbye to the familiarity of the beige and red walls.

Speak Up

As Valedictorian of the Class of 1999, Greg Zeck, senior, delivers his speech on the lessons learned from *The Wizard of Oz*.



40 Simple Smiles

1. hearing "You've got mail!"
2. people who are dumber than you are
3. someone you don't talk to giving you a compliment
4. half days
5. substitutes
6. getting a good grade on something you thought you did bad on
7. cheese dippers and chicken nuggets for lunch
8. seeing someone really hot walking in the halls
9. Brad Pitt In Seven
10. seeing Mr. Rob McCall's bus driver dance
11. not seeing a *Metallica* shirt all day
12. beating Mr. Russell in sticks
13. David Young saying "That's news to me!"
14. Ms. Weiss doing her Splinter impression
15. winning BRAVO
16. bonus points in Chemistry
17. seeing girls get into 'cat' fights
18. hump day in Mr. Lopez's class
19. Mr. Wendell's jokes
20. Ms. Dristas saying "Dude"
21. hot guys in speedos
22. jokes
23. shopping
24. Mrs. Kouris saying "Would you like to pet my monkey?"
25. not being around siblings
26. thinking that anyone who is getting you down will one day work for you
27. finding homework that was lost
28. seeing that the most annoying kid in the world isn't in school
29. flowers
30. extra credit
31. siblings coming home
32. letters from friends, family and pen pals
33. the last song you hear before you come to school is a good one
34. talking to friends
35. animals
36. a wonderful line on someone's research paper
37. students saying something nice
38. call from a family member
39. looking at pictures hung in your locker
40. watching tapes of old Bull's games

Special Moment

In hopes of grabbing private time, Lindsay Baranowski, freshman, and Brian Lerner, sophomore stop during a passing period.

Lifting Up

To help prevent a major injury, Keith Kramer, sophomore, keeps an eye on his gym partner, Michael Johnson, sophomore. Knowing someone helped to support and encourage relieved unnecessary stress and anxiety.



Down Time

Before Mrs. Linda Lemon's freshman English class, Adam Wallace and Anna Lodge talk over the assignment that would be due momentarily. Talking to friends about certain problems and situations during the day, gave students a feeling of security and comfort.



Keep Smiling

While eating their lunches, a group of freshman girls share funny stories from their day. In the cafeteria students looked

forward to lunch as not just a time to eat but a time to chat with friends about homework and other subjects.



Pure And Simple

Each day made less difficult due to little things that bring smiles and chuckles

At 11 a.m., Bethany Shutko, junior, sat in Spanish class awaiting her score on the exam she studied all night for. She received hers last. Bethany's heart felt as if it jumped out of her chest when she saw an 'A' in red ink. "I studied hard," Bethany said. "I was worried about the test the whole morning. Seeing my grade at the top of my paper made me realize how much all of that studying must have paid off."

Each day, students dragged themselves out of bed to go to school, hoping that they would make it through the day without problems. Some days flew by; others endured for what seemed like years. When stuck in days like those, students looked toward the simple things that counted so much.

From a smile from a friend in the hall, to a good grade on a test, students realized just how much the little "simple things" counted.

"I dropped Spanish class because I thought that I was failing," Meaghen Lober, junior, said. "When I saw my 80% on my last test, it made my day because I realized I studied, and it paid off. I felt good about myself."

Having no homework or finding a lost assignment was always a plus for students.

"In Algebra, there was this assignment due, and I couldn't find it," Lesley Barton, senior, said. "I didn't know what to do. I was frantic looking for it. Eventually I found it in a different book, right before I had to turn it in. I was really relieved."

Students looked forward to lunch as one of their favorite times of the day.

"My favorite lunch was French bread pizza," Matt Kosiba, junior, said. "I looked forward to it from like hour, all the way until lunch when I finally got to eat. It was so good."

Simple things like doing well on a test, receiving a hello from a friend or looking forward to a break in the day made getting up in the morning a little easier to brighten student's attitudes and days.

Help Please

Collecting materials for their research paper, juniors Brian Serrano, Marsha Gill and Renee Halajesik ask Mr. Michael Blaze, history teacher, for his input. "Mr. Blaze was always there for you if you needed help," Brian said. "He made everything so clear for students."

"When I saw my 80% on my last test, it made my day because I realized I studied, and it paid off. I felt really good about myself."

Meaghen Lober, junior



SLIP n' slide

With a laugh, Jim Strain, senior, and Meg Madderom, junior, help Heidi Meyer, senior, to her feet after a fall. German Club members took a three-hour bus ride to Cascade Ski Resort in Portage, WI for their annual ski trip.



PARTY hearty

Eating cheese and salsa at the foreign language clubs' first-ever combined Mardi Gras party, Lisa Pleitner, sophomore, and Emily Montgomery, freshman, display their masks for the mask contest. "There were a couple that were really, really good," Emily said. "You could tell people actually spent a lot of time on them."



Academic Competition Club: (front row) Andrew Kennedy, Brian Ranade, John Keplinger, Zal Bilimoria, Dean Fehlau, Melissa Moore (second row) Eun Cho, Mark Burek, Daniel Chakraborty, Jenny Yamtich, Shardul Shah, Bob Kingdollar, Jeffery Hagelburg (third row) Adam Wesolowski, Deb Sundi, Mike Sufana, Sarah Hannigan, Zoran Balac, Justin Ionita, Chris Schneider (back row) Amanda Salinas, Tim Webb, Adam Brown, Steve Lindemann, Chris Noble, Sarah Najamuddin, Erik Patel, Greg Thiera

Number of Members: 30

Leaders: Sponsor-Mr. Don Ullman, President- Bob Yamtich, Secretary / Treasurer Chris Schneider, Treasurer- Chris Schneider

Fact: The team continued the tradition of the Jets Regional Champs for four years, and also qualifying for Science Olympiad State since 1993.

TOP IT OFF

CHOOSING FROM 47 CLUBS WHOSE ACTIVITIES RANGE FROM ORCHESTRA TO ACADEMIC COMPETITION TO STOPPING DRUNK DRIVING, STUDENTS LIST TOP 10 REASONS FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Interest in activity** "I was in *Crier* because it pertained to what I wanted to do in my future," Chrissy Griffin, junior, said.
- 2. Spend time with friends** "I was so busy with sports that I could spend more time with friends if we were in the same thing," Christina Guzik, freshman, said.
- 3. Another activity to add to college applications** "Colleges looked highly upon something like Student Body President," Dan Dukich, senior, said. "Anything that I could get a leadership position I went for."
- 4. Field trips** "The German Club field trips were really big," Jim Strain, senior, said. "It was a nice break from school."
- 5. Parties** "I joined French Club for the food," Adam Brown, senior, said. "We got to eat crepes and Nutella, bread, and cheese."
- 6. Something to do** "Instead of
- just going home and sitting in front of the TV, I got busy and did something with myself," Katie Caine, freshman, said.
- 7. Competition** "Competition was good," Zal Bilimoria, junior, said. "It forced me to be more aware of what was going on in the world."
- 8. Develop leadership** "It was intimidating to realize I had such a huge responsibility," *Paragon* Editor-in-Chief Katie Carraher, senior, said. "But I thought that in college I would benefit from learning the people skills."
- 9. Like the sponsor** "Mrs. Kouris was fun and energetic," Drama Club member Carrie Paradzinski, junior, said. "She had a lot of personality and got you excited about things really quickly."
- 10. Learn a skill** "I learned to use really big cameras, like they use on TV shows," Video Club member Justin Ionita, sophomore, said. "I learned a lot more about TV and I sort of watched it differently."

HOT stuff

Intently looking into a candle mold, Jenny Spolnik, senior, prepares to sprinkle glitter onto the candle after pouring the hot wax. Art Club made the candles and sold them at lunch to raise money for a new showcase.

"It was intimidating to realize I had such a big responsibility, but I thought that in college I would benefit from learning the people skills." Katie Carraher, senior



Art Club: (front row) Debby Feldman, Megan Morley, Jessica Lotak, John Caster (second row) Torie Cox, Marcia Bazan, Shannon Harvey, Jessica Vavrek, Rachel Franklin, Eunice Shin (third row) Woon Young Kang, Christine Thayer, Jenny Yantich, Lauren Pestikas, Kathy Mueller (back row) Sarah Hannigan, Bobby Thompson, Bob Zivanovic, Ashley Kaufman, Andrew Ferrer, Mrs. Linda Haynes

Number of Members: 20

Leaders: Sponsor: Mrs. Linda Haynes, President: Torie Cox, Vice-president: Jenny Spolnik, Secretary: Robbie Feldman

Fact: Art Club painted birdhouses to auction off for the Humane Society.



Auditorium Staff: (front row) Laura Dunn, Morgan Matthews, Amanda Aguilera, Jill Horn, Sarah Kelley, Rachel Franklin (second row) Christina Bernacchi, Tricia Victor, Kathryn Lanzillo, Liz Olley, Adriann Bishop, Janice Florczak (third row) Tom Summers, Marsha Gill, Matt Mustain, Kyle Spear, Sharyn Goldyn, Madhi Ojagh, Ms. Debra Kelley (back row) Ryan Florck, Dano Perdomo, Joe Rybarczyk, Chris Noble, David Mangus, L.P. Roman-Laguas, Brian Treasure, Mr. Larry Brechner

Number of Members: 33

Leaders: Sponsor: Larry Brechner, Tech. Director: David Mangus, Production Manager: Joe Rybarczyk, Lighting Director: Marsha Gill, Stage Managers: Adriann Bishop and Tricia Victor

Fact: Auditorium received new state of the art equipment.

Why Join?

MAKE NOISE

FROM THE SOUND OF FLUTES, CLARINETS, VIOLINS AND DRUMS TO VIVID ACTING PERFORMANCES, MEMBERS WORK TOWARDS ENTERTAINING THEIR AUDIENCES IN WHAT THEY BELIEVE THE MOST CREATIVE WAY POSSIBLE

Rain and snow could not prevent the marching band from making their way to the football field. In later months, they realized they only had one hope. As an entertaining club, the group tried to brighten students' spirit. Hoping to get them involved while trying to entertain the audience proved one of their goals at the same time.

"I enjoyed playing the flute," Kelly Lorenz, junior, said. "It gave me satisfaction after practicing and performing. I joined because I wanted to pursue a career in music."

Mixed and Women's Ensemble met twice a week, from 3 to 4 p.m. They traveled around the area, singing at hospitals, restaurants and banks.

"The best part of the performance was when I heard the audience applaud. It was then that we knew we accomplished our goal." Jordan Richardson, freshman

They performed a mini holiday concert for Wilbur Wright Middle School in December.

"Being in Mixed Ensembles was really fun," Michelle Coduti, sophomore, said. "It was always nice to see the people's faces when we went to sing at different places and functions."

Color Guard tried to entertain all of their audiences with fresh flair in their routines as well.

"Our new sponsor, Tammy Frasier, added to the color guard," Janice Florczak, junior, said. "We really enjoyed having her around."

Thespians and Drama Club worked on the winter play, *Frankenstein*, the fall play, *See How They Run*, and the musical, *Oklahoma*. Whether acting or creating the sets, each member had their own part in putting forth their best efforts for each performance.

"The best part of the performance was when I heard the audience applaud," Jordan Richardson, freshman, said. "It was then that we knew that we accomplished our goal of entertaining all of those people out there watching us."

Whether in a band, Color Guard, a chorus, or a theatrical group, students worked in hopes of entertaining their audiences in any way they could. **SING your heart out**

Directed by Dr. Tim Bartlett, Mixed Ensemble members seniors Scott Senchak, Audrey Kutas, Kate Schoen, Jeff Tsai, Christine Blake, Hong Cho, juniors, Bethany Shutko and Jason Shin; and sophomores Kaitlin Kovach and perform at the dedication ceremony for the auditorium renovations. Mixed Ensemble joined Women's Ensemble with a first at ISSMA.



Band: (front row) Steven Banach, Meghan Ambre, Kristen Spitz, Tiffany Dell'Aquila, Ariane Penilla, Hannah Lodge, (second row) Shilpa Ioshi, Katie Gephart, Julie Sufana, Jackie Burkart, Eun Cho, Patti Martin, Marissa Richers, (third row) Nick Bularzik, Eileen Norris, Amy Jo Pykosz, Kelly Metz, Rachael Chemersinsky, Megan Morley, (back row) Kevin Wadycki, Lizzy Grady, Mike Cronin, Mike Liszka, Dan Barton, Sarah Fies, Adriana Medynsky

Number of Members: 115

Leaders: Sponsors-Mr. Fred Elliott and Mr. Tim Murphy, Drum Majors- Meghan Ambre and Amanda Zivich

Fact: The band performed in Brach's Holiday Parade Nov. 28 in Chicago, which aired on ABC.



Band (continued): (front row) Jayne Holly, Talia Matyura-Vacaro, Amber LaKou, Janice Florczak, Pam Wiers, Amanda Zagorski, Joe Rybarczyk, (second row) Ashley Jasevicius, Jason Ross, Jim Knight, Eric Rafate, Matt Mikels, Danielle Zagorski, Andy Ferrer, Kellie Creighton (third row) Anna Kozlowska, Abigail Wallace, Stephanie Kelly, Katie Hunter, Roman Teller, Holly Wujak, Jordan Richardson, (back row) Kelly Lorenz, Keith Dell'Aquila, Winfield Smith, Brian Heinemann, Keith Sorrels, Eric Flores, Kevin Davidson, Kayte Yerga



Band (continued): (front row) Margaret DeDios, Christine Blaine, Bob Kingdollar, Brad Farnsey, John O'Block, Kyli Bieda, Danny Larson, J.P. Hus (second row) Heidi Meyer, Amanda Zivich, Lauren Roman, Mike Sufana, Bob Burghardt, Eric Yttri, Jim Strain, Meg Madderon, (third row) Jason Szanyi, Nicholas Sumner, Bryan Jones, Derrick Schimming, Joshua Bradish, Scott Boudi, Ray Fandi, Erik Patel, (back row) Sean Pkosz, Jeff Tsai, Brad Werner, Dan Grady, Kevin Kress, Adam Wallace, Joe Fray, Jake Schoon



FLYING the flag

Performing a halftime show football game, Elyse Soto, junior, concentrates on her routine as a member of the Color Guard. "It (Color Guard) took a lot of work and discipline," Elyse said. "It wasn't as easy as it looked, it was a lot of fun, and I enjoyed going to competitions."

PLAY it again

With only a few minutes left of practice, Jazz Band plays through their last piece for the day. "I played the alto saxophone," Kevin Davidson, junior, said "It was really a lot of fun. I enjoyed the music that we played."



Band (continued): (front row) Tricia Victor, Audrey Kutas, Lee Coduti, Jill Powley, Rosey Petrone, (second row) Chris Pykosz, Matt Barney, Kyle Gilbert, Joe Flores, Gadeir Abbas, (back row) Dan Witting, Keith Cantwell, Andy Sumaresq, Kevin Morrissey, Paul Goddard, Dan Wick



Dance Line: (front row) Ean Cho, Julie Sufana, Kristen Splitz, Tiffany Dell'Aquila (back row) Rachael Chmerinsky, Jordan Richardson, Jayne Holly, Abigail Wallace



Jazz Band: (front row) Margaret DeDon, Audrey Kutas, Jason Szanyi, J.P. Hus, Ariane Peralta, (second row) Amanda Zagorski, Jason Ross, Eric Yttri, Mike Sufana, Jayne Holly, Meg Madderom, (back row) Ryan Florek, Jeff Tsai, Brian Heinemann, Andy Dumaresq, Keith Cantwell, Kevin Davidson, Erik Patel

Number of Members: 33

Leaders: Sponsors-Mr. Fred Elliott and Mr. Tim Murphy

Fact: Adjustment with two new sponsors gelled as the Jazz Band contended in two competitions, one in Fort Wayne and another at Indiana State University.

FIESTA time

Singing "La Bamba" together, Spanish Club members participate in the Homecoming parade while on-lookers sing along. Members divided up tasks to decorate the truck with streamers and posters to reel in the Red Devils.

BLOWN up

To prepare balloons for a DECA sale, seniors Natasha Janevski and Melissa Trevino work as a team to get their work finished. "You had to learn skills that helped you get along with people you didn't like," Melissa said.



LET'S party

Putting the streamers in place, seniors Jack Dillon and Jeff Hagleberg help prepare for their Mardi Gras celebration in the Food Court. All three language clubs combined their parties for the first time.



Jazz Band (continued): (front row) Mike Linszka, Bob Kingdollar, Joe Flores, Dan Barton (second row) Tom Summers, Ashley Jasovicus, Matthew Schwietger, Lee Goduti, Ray Farnal (back row) Sean Pkosz, Brad Wenner, Adam Wallace, Keith Sorrels, Eric Flores, Joe Fray



Freshman CEC: (front row) Tim Hunt, Jennifer LeV, Yasemin Zeytinoglu (back row) Eunice Shin, Shannon Harvey, Tim Webb, Elisse Elias

Number of Members: 9

Leaders: Sponsors-Mr. Rob McCall and Mr. Steve Lopez, President-Yasemin Zeytinoglu, Vice-president-Jennifer LeV, Secretary-Shannon Harvey, Treasurer-Tim Hunt

Fact: Freshman CEC sold pecker cards, which enabled buyers to receive discounts at businesses.



Sophomore CEC: (front row) Lisa Basil, Poonam Shah, Tifan Brown, Betty Hoyle, Kaitlin Kovach (back row) Jenny Sharp, David Young, Erin Talabay, Katie Gluck, Andrew Schumacher

Number of Members: 13

Leaders: Sponsors-Mrs. Nancy Newcomb and Mrs. Jacki Podkul, President-Jennifer Sharp, Vice-president-Lisa Basil, Secretary-Betty Hoyle, Treasurer-Poonam Shah

Fact: The sophomore shark float took a first place finish at the Homecoming parade, including its innovative movable pres-

PARTY PALS

WHEN MEETING NEW FRIENDS, PARTICIPATING IN CLUB ACTIVITIES AND INTERMINGLING IN CLASSES, STUDENTS GAIN SOCIAL SKILLS WHETHER REALIZED OR NOT

Huddled around a box of crayons in the speech room, Speech and Debate Members continued their Sectionals tradition by picking a good luck crayon that had to do with their event in Sectionals. Andy Kennedy, sophomore, grabbed copper after careful consideration. He explained to the group that copper, the color of a penny which pictured Abraham Lincoln, contained a U.S. president. Therefore, it proved relative because of his event — U.S. Extemp. Due to similar interests, clubs allowed students to come together in order to have a good time and create a learning environment.

"I wanted to share what I knew so more people could understand things I learned," Vicki Bembenista, senior, said. "French Club was a group of people who got together with food and music in a relaxed atmosphere."

When joining a new club, students started meeting new people. Some even talked to and associated with students they normally wouldn't.

"I joined Spanish Club because my friends were in it," Jenny Bamboat, junior said. "When I first became vice president, I hardly knew the president. Soon, I knew her so much more and became her close friend."

Whenever joining a club, each class intermingled with the others in order to make it one unit. It took equal treatment of all members to get that exact goal accomplished.

"People in German Club were so cool to hang out with," Paul Rogers, sophomore, said. "It was interesting because a senior would hang out with the freshmen. There weren't any cliques: we were just one big group."

Although students preferred to depend solely on themselves to work on projects, clubs helped them gain a new ability: social skills. This skill would carry through to college and the work force by helping them relate to others and work out others differences to accomplish their tasks.

"I liked working alone better on art," John Castor, sophomore, said. "In Art Club I had learned to depend and work alongside other people because I would need that later in life."

Whether students learned to participate in group work or share their own personal stories to the club, they built social skills that could benefit them in the future.

"When I first became vice president (of Spanish Club), I hardly knew the president. Soon, I knew her so much more and became her close friend." Jenny Bamboat, junior



Junior CFC: (front row) Sheila Rano, Sarah Johnson, Ellen Bielawski, Angela Keslin, Noreen Castor, Christie Griffin (back row) Megan Chynoweth, Kelly Vlick, Tom Bertagnolli, Zack Jones, Anne Domasca, Jason Shin

Number of Members: 12

Leaders: Sponsor-Mr. Carl Fields, Presidents-Noreen Castor and Angie Keslin, Secretary-Annie Domasca

Fact: The Junior Class introduced the Grand March as part of their Prom plans to benefit Dollars for Scholars.



Senior CEC: (front row) Allison Schumacher, Elyse Barton, Jaci Palos, Vicki Bembenista (back row) Jennifer Kalina, Rina Doshi, Joe Howarth, Chris Pfister

Number of Members: 12

Leaders: Sponsors-Vallorie Plumm and Mr. Michael Coil, President-Jenny Kalina, Vice-president-Allison Schumacher, Secretary-Dan Watson, Treasurer-Vicki Bembenista

Fact: Planning senior banquet as their last tribute to the Senior Class provided the final opportunity at class unity before graduation.



Color Guard: (front row) Elyse Soto, Katie McGill, Krystle Michel, (back row) Pam Wiers, Kellie Curran, Janice Florczak, Nicole Van Cura

Number of members: 7

Leaders: Sponsor-Tami Frazier, Captain-Kelly Qualls, Sponsors-Kelly Curran

Fact: The Color Guard performed at boys' and girls' games. They won first place in their first competition.

FINE TUNED

BETWEEN WORKING A JOB IN THE AFTERNOON INSTEAD OF GOING TO CLASS, OR PRACTICING IN FRONT OF A MIRROR FOR A WEEKEND COMPETITION INSTEAD OF PLAYING A SPORT, STUDENTS BUILD SKILLS IN VARIOUS WAYS

Throwing her backpack into the back seat of her car, Caitlin Buchanan, senior, headed to her job at Bryan's Florist to work as a sales associate, instead of attending fifth and sixth hour classes. As president of DECA, Caitlin worked during the afternoon to build skills in the business field.

"I needed a lot of leadership skills to be president of DECA, especially because I was a State officer," Caitlin said. "I was in charge of nine schools and writing our monthly newsletter. Being a part of DECA helped with skills for anything in the business world you could think of."

Making calls to schedule dances or reciting in front of a mirror helped students earn a wide range of skills.

"I started with

Oratorical

Interpretation because you couldn't be afraid to speak out and you couldn't be worried what others thought,"

David Young, sophomore, said.

Other clubs required teamwork to bring together a production, instead of

practicing the same material over.

"I was House Manager for the Auditorium Staff, and we were responsible for making sure everything ran smoothly," Tom Summers, senior, said. "I had to have people skills, because the staff was the first impression people got when they came in, and if we gave them a bad impression they would think poorly of the entire auditorium."

Certain skills dealt more with the technical aspect than just being friendly. Members gained knowledge about their club to make it successful.

"With Video Club you needed technical skills for the lighting, switchboard, and cameras, and I especially liked the hands-on aspect of it," Justin Ionita, sophomore, said.

After another hard day at work making floral arrangements, Caitlin headed home to call and arrange a meeting and then sat at her computer to type up next month's newsletter.

DEEP breath

With his lungs full of air and ready to play the next note, Ray Fandl, freshman, plays his trombone after school in the band room. Several students like Ray occupied their time after school with extracurriculars like Band to improve their playing skills.

"I needed a lot of leadership skills to be president of DECA, especially because I was a State officer," Caitlin Buchanan, senior



Crier: (front row) Danielle Dellorto, Vicki Benbenista, Jenny Bambas, Christie Griffin (second row) Cori Oprinovich, Sarah Alexander, Sara Williamson, Brian Daniels, Kathy Mueller (back row) Meaghan Lober, Mike Bantak, Joe Rybarczyk, Dan Dukich, Adam Economou, Nancy Hastings

Number of Members: 14

Leaders: Editor-in-Chief-Victoria Benbenista, Managing/Copy Editor-Sarah Alexander, Design Editor-Cori Oprinovich

Fact: Crier won 5th place NSPA Best of Show award in Washington DC.



DECA: (front row) Selina Benavente, Kristen Spitz, Sonya Garcia, Alenagh Ward (second row) Kate Engelbrecht, Thomas Zende, Nooren Carter, Michelle Johnson, Jasmina Mijalovic, Elaine Yannakopoulos (third row) Sharon Paz, Sara Bieszczak, Becky Wong, Caitlin Buchanan, Nancy Samardzija (back row) Bonnie Morris, Kristen Jabay, Mena Rizk, Kara Argus, Karen Ufnovick, Mr. Kent Lewis

Number of Members: 50

Leaders: Sponsor-Mr. Kent Lewis, District President-Caitlin Buchanan, President-Tony Qualls. Vice-president-Ruben Trevino
Fact: Seventeen students qualified for state, 10 of which received awards.



DECA (continued): (front row) Jamie Rosko, Julie Joseph, Ruben Trevino, Meltem Zeytinoglu, Natasha Janevski, Mike Zvanovic, Mimi Radjevic (second row) Jamie Savage, Shaun Lucas, Nick Monteleone, Jason Ciesielski, Andrew Sellars, Keven Talbot (back row) Dan Watson, Scott Clark, Karen Haney, Brian Serrano, Ryan Cohen, Tony Qualls, Mr. Kent Lewis

Clubs



MIRROR image

Practicing in the speech room after school, David Young, sophomore, rehearses his piece, "Finding Someone to Sue," for Oratorical Interpretation. "The point of practicing in front of the mirror was so that you get to see facial expressions, and you had to be careful because judges took off for the smallest things," David said.

TURNED on

Carefully positioning switches on the lightboard for Drama Club, David Mangus, senior, adjusts the lighting while Marsha Gill, junior, checks the settings. "I had been working on a lightboard for three years, and it took skills to operate one and you kept improving and getting better at it," David said.



Drama Club: (front row) Kevin Cane, Ankur Bhatt, Justin Ionita, Jason Vargo, Stephen Sleeper, Ben Sumara, Mike Piorkowski (second row) Lindsay Baranowski, Roman Teller, Julie Valand, Katie Gluck, Evelyn Watterson, David Culberg, Brad Clark, David Young (third row) Tim Webb, Erik Rosiak, Kyle Spear, Dario Perdomo, Brian Treasure, Ryan Florek, Chris Hunt (back row) Mark Olley, Dan Dukich, Chris Noble, Jeff Tsai, John Mecha, Kevin Kress, Joe Rybarczyk, Nate Hansen

Number of members: 175

Leaders: Sponsor-Mrs. Renee Kouris, President- David Mangus,

Vice-president- Vicki Bembesta, Secretary-Joe Rybarczyk,

Treasurer- Scot Goldyn, Historian- Sasa Vasic

Fact: Plays resumed in the newly completed auditorium.



Drama Club (continued): (front row) Danielle Dellorto, Brad Lipton, Kristen Jabay, Kathleen Spence, Allison Paliga, Jordan Richardson, Kellie Metz (second row) Janice Florkczak, Nicole Pelligrino, Candice Kouras, Brandon Sweeney, Kate Schoen, Kaitlin Kovach, Rachel Franklin, Sonya Garcia, (third row) Laura Polutnik, Jodi Rosenthal, Scot Golden, Vicki Bembesta, Joe Florek, Megan Kikalos, Zal Bilmoria (back row) Mary Mangus, Bethany Shults, Marsha Gill, Tom Summers, Emily Holly, Moaghen Lober, Rachel Ispas, Tiffany Sanders



Drama Club: (front row) Rene Blumberg, Rachel Vanderhei, Michelle Bembesta, Meghan Ralich, Christina Bernacki (second row) Emily Sumner, Tracy Victor, Kara Argus, Kathryn Lanzillo, Adriann Bishop, Brooke Berry (third row) Amand Aguilera, Hillary Gibbs, Liz Olley, Sharyn Goldyn, Jillian Vega (back row) Mark Quagliara, Tony McCullough, John Parr, David Mangus, Chris Hunt, Mahdi Chagha

JOB well done

At the Journalism Education Association (JEA) National Convention in Washington, DC, Stacey Smith, senior, receives an award for Computer Headline/Design. "I made three headlines on the computer for templates that would be in the yearbook," Stacey said.

NAME game

With hopes of learning names, the cast of *Frankenstirn* plays a game in director Mrs. Renee Kouris' English room. "We played the game because there were freshmen on the cast and we wanted to make sure we knew everyone," Kevin Cane, sophomore, said.



Drama (continued): (front row) Jill Horn, Laura Dunn, Michelle Sopher, Nina Bilimoria, Jess Oprinovich (second row) Arane Peralta, Torie Cox, Julie Spear, Farah Sherif, Sarah Kelley (back row) Elyse Soto, Morgan Matthews, Andrew Kennedy, Amanda Sleeper, Jennifer Lee, Julie Sufana



Mixed Ensemble: (front row) Michelle Coduti, Audrey Kutas, Kate Schoen, Jaron Shin, Alison Schumacher, Melissa Falgier (second row) Kaitlin Kovach, Bethany Shurko, Andrew Schumacher, Christine Blake, Amanda Zagorski, Adriana Medynsky (back row) Brandon Sweeney, Jeff Tan, Gilbert Bognar, Scott Senchak, John Penrose, Hong Jin Cho, Kyle Matucha

Number of Members: 20

Leaders: Sponsor-Dr. Tim Bartlett

Fact: Mixed Ensemble took a first finish at state ISSMA.



Women's Ensemble: (front row) Margaret DeDios, Janna Lotenzen, Olivia Kompier, Colleen Summers, Lesley Barton, Sarah Alexander (second row) Becky Maynard, Karen Lorenzen, Nicole Pellegrino, Neha Kansal, Jennifer Evans, Natalie Jordan (third row) Sarah Nelson, Laura Polutnik, Jordan Richardson, Sheri Meyers, Brittany Stasiak, Megan Kikalos (back row) Lisa Kolar, Rachael Simpson, Katie Gluck, Erin Talabay, Natalie Shapiro, Danielle Rakich, Laura Hansen

Number of Members: 25

Leaders: Sponsor-Dr. Tim Bartlett

Fact: The Women's Ensemble received two perfect scores at ISSMA.

STAGE FRIGHT

CLUB MEMBERS GAIN THE CONFIDENCE NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETS AND SPEAK IN PUBLIC THROUGH CARD GAMES, PRACTICING IN FRONT OF MIRRORS, AWARDS, AND OTHER ENCOURAGING ACTIVITIES

Mafia transformed into more than just organized crime with the advent of a card game played by Science Olympiad. To relieve some of the stress they felt before meets, members played this game. It served as an opportunity to interact with lots of people and gain self confidence.

"Science Olympiad improved my confidence in my science ability," Jeff Hagelberg, senior, said. "We really were a team; we depended on everyone else to make it to State."

For clubs like Speech and Debate, members felt that something as simple as a game would not adequately boost their moral. The students spent countless hours practicing for competitions in front of mirrors so they could be assured that they would have the poise necessary to speak in front of judges.

"Speech and Debate was a good confidence builder," Steve

Lindemann, junior, said. "Eventually you would become confident in anything you practiced enough."

Often participation in a club helped students come out of their shells and interact with other people.

"Working backstage for Drama showed my strengths and helped me find new friends," Amanda Sleeper, senior, said. "I learned about myself and how to get along with people."

Candidates for Student Government gave speeches with the entire school staring at them with courage they gathered from inside.

"The guy who sat around all the time and did not really interact tended to be less

confident than a person who was very active," Student Government vice-president Greg Zeck, senior, said.

Whether playing card games or practicing speeches, clubs had their own ways of dealing with stress and infusing self-assurance into their members.

"Science Olympiad improved my confidence in my science ability," Jeff Hagelberg, senior, said. "We really were a team; we depended on everyone else to make it to State."

SNAP shot

During the first Video Club practice, sophomores Jeff Palmer, Matt Barney and Andy Zusman anchor a mock news show called the M-Files. "Before we actually started taping, we did practice news shows where we rotated parts to give everyone an opportunity to use all the equipment," Jeff said.



French Club: (front row) Cheong Lee, Janna Lorenzen, Katie McGill, Lesley Barton, Rachel McCain (second row) Morgan Matthews, Kathryn Taber, Michelle Deigasse, Sachin Doshi, Kate Engelbrecht, Monica Gallardo (third row) Jasmina Mijalovic, Melissa Moore, Rachel Franklin, Jonine Herr, Rachel Vanderhei, Sambodhi Das (back row) Candice Grant, Karen Lorenzen, James Olasebikan, Justin Ionita, Sarah Grauvogl, Colleen Summers



French Club (continued): (front row) Courtney Chung, Nicole Pellegrino, Eric Drabenstot, Jeffrey Hagelberg, Jasmina Mijalovic, Noreen Castor (second row) Bonnie Abercrombie, Lisa Tenness, Roman Teller, Pam Wiers, Mark Burek, Vicki Benbenista, Emily Herrin (third row) Adam Wesolowski, Deb Sundt, Bonnie Morris, Carolyn Marinier, Jennifer Kula, Lindsay Barranowski, Lisa Kolar (back row) Greg Bugby, Scot Goldyn, Matt Guanzon, John Parr, Tim Webb, Evelyn Watterson, Kyle Matucha

Number of Members: 60

Leaders: Sponsor-Mme. Alyce Mart-Webb, President-Bonnie Abercrombie, Vice-president-Vicki Benbenista, Secretary-Emily Herrin, Treasurer-Jeff Hagelberg

Fact: The French Club's "sure-to-be-remembered float" featured a huge slice of cheese on the roof of Bonnie Abercrombie's car.

ON THE WAY

PARTICIPATING IN CLUBS, THROUGH FIELDTRIPS, BAKE SALES AND MEETINGS GIVES STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCOVER INTERESTS, HELP FIND IDEAL COLLEGES WHICH LOOK KINDLY UPON EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Deadlines, essays and forms coincided with going off to college, while students worked to finish applications while tackling homework as well.

Colleges like Purdue and Indiana University looked for a handful of things when searching for new students. Teens believed that specific after school activities stood out.

"They looked that you could get along well with others and help others," Morgan Matthews, junior, said. "The clubs I joined helped a lot because we helped out in the area."

Teens believed that characteristics developed in clubs proved beneficial for future activities in life.

"I joined Speech and Debate

because I knew that with practice and dedication, I could be a good speaker and lessen my fears," Michelle Coduti, sophomore, said.

Qualities developed through club membership helped students' traits.

"Colleges would have

looked highly upon something like Student Government President," Dan Dukich, senior, said. "It showed I had dedication and leadership."

Students increased involvement in their community through activities such as bell ringing for Salvation Army and similar projects.

"I had helped at soup kitchens with my youth group but we didn't do that so often, so I joined Project X to do stuff like that," Morgan said.

Clubs helped teens uncover skills that applied to their future.

"Leadership was the ability to work well with others," Dan said. "You had to deal with other people's egos. You learned to accept ideas."

Students balanced time, expanded interests and joined clubs to improve college applications. Teens found that club membership helped them gain a variety of experiences that they would otherwise not encounter along with a quality application.

SCAMBLEDD eggs

As he prepares for Academic Competition Club (ACC) State, Nick Bularzik, freshman, works on his scramble while trying to avoid breaking the egg. ACC offered students a chance to be creative and develop analytical skills.

"I had helped at soup kitchens with my youth group but we didn't do that so often, so I joined Project X to do stuff like that," Morgan Matthews, junior



German Club: (front row) Ariane Peralta, Torie Cox, Shilpa Rane, Meghan Ambre, Kristen Spitz (second row) Karl Spork, Katy Stine, Jeni Shike, Justin Gogolak, Jenny Fell, Courtney Watkins, J.P. Hus (third row) Erin Dunn, Emily Steiner, Katie Gikas, Christine Piotrowski, Palwasha Rahmany, Tara Gibbs, Melissa Moore (fourth row) Christina Bernacchi, Liz Criswell, Eunice Shin, Morgan Matthews, Amanda Zivich, Brad Lipton, Jillian Banessa, Lynn Smosna (back row) Adam Noel, John Parr, Tony McCullough, David Mangus, Jeff Lee, Jack Dillon, Chris Pfister, Fran.

Number of members: 123

Leaders: Sponsor-Mrs. Helga Meyer, President- Torie Cox, Vice-president-Meghan Ambre, Secretary-Eric Tomeo, Treasurer-Sasha Vasic



German Club (continued): (front row) Joyce Stamiris, Kyle Gilbert, Jon Banaszak, Zoran Balac, Andy Zusman, Elisse Elias, Erica Rangel (second row) Lizzy Grady, Janet Papendick, Heidi Meyer, Bob Burghardt, Sarah Thiele, Filiz Turan (third row) Mary Mangus, Amanda Zagorski, Lisa Ventrose, Jessica Economou, Jim Strain, Thomas Zenos, Jason Shin (fourth row) Lisa Smith, Meg Madderom, Hillary Gibbs, Sarah Hannigan, Christine Thiera, Caroline Camp (back row) Jeff Tsai, Nicole Farnsley, Krystal Michel, Kristen Jabaay, Emily Holly, Jen Cannedy, Valerie Smith.

Fact: German Club traveled to Cascade Ski Resort in Portage, WI for a ski trip.

Clubs

Sweet reward

To support National Honor Society (NHS), juniors Amanda Bowers and Lauren Pestikas purchase home-baked goodies during A lunch

Fundraisers provided opportunities for students to share talents and ideas, while raising needed cash.



SEE the light

With candle in hand, new Quill and Scroll inductees vow to uphold strong journalistic ethics. "I was happy that I got into Quill and Scroll because it was the Journalism National Honor Society," Jenny Caine, senior, said. "I felt really proud because it was something I worked for rather than getting points from teachers."



German Club (continued): *(front row)* Jamie Rosko, Matt Norby, Bob Zivanovic, Alyssa Theile, Tim Stukola, Joe Mack, Kathy Mueller, Lauren Pestikas *(second row)* Tim Webb, Joe Fray, Greg Thera, Fred Smith, Joe Rybarczyk, Paul Rogers, Jay Korczak, Steve Kibler *(third row)* Winfield Smith, Greg Zeck, Dan Dukich, Jason Stuebe, Kevin Kress, Bobby Thompson, Jim Zekis *(back row)* Hong Jin Cho, Corey Hill, Tomio Toyama, Steve Cinc, Nick Hansen, Dan Grady, Mike Hayes, Brad Clark

HELPING hand

Giving direction for the taping of the next show for Video Club, Adam Economou, senior, guides Justin Imita, sophomore. "Video Club was fun because we got to toy around with \$60,000 worth of equipment," Adam said. "We were only high school students, and I had to teach all the new members how to use it."

OPEN up

As part of their duties to the student body, seniors Dan Dukich, president, and Greg Zeck, vice-president, get ready to open the envelope to announce Homecoming Queen. "As a leader it felt good to know the decisions Greg and I made affected the entire school," Dan said.



National Honor Society: (front row) Ariane Peralta, Sarah Alexander, Torie Cox, Meghan Ambre (second row) Liz DeVries, Shilpa Rane, Emily Herrin, Shilpa Joshi, Natalie Johnson, Cori Oprinovich (third row) Jeffrey Hagelberg, Daniel Chakraborty, Erik Patel, Neha Kansal, Alison Schumacher (back row) Patti Martin, Kathryn Lanzillo, Lesley Barton, Janna Lorenzen, Debby Feldman, Eileen Norris

Number of members: 70

Leaders: Sponsor-Mrs. Linda Scheffer, President-Hiral Shah, Vice-president-Shilpa Rane, Secretary-Torie Cox, Treasurer-Ariane Peralta

POINT OUT

TEACHING FRESHMEN HOW TO PROPERLY MARCH, OPERATING HEAVY DUTY VIDEO EQUIPMENT, OR GUIDING A STAFF TO PRODUCE A NEWSPAPER ON TIME, LEADERSHIP PROVES BENEFICIAL WHEN RUNNING A CLUB

As another taping of Video Club concluded, Adam Economou, senior, felt relieved that all the strenuous work had come to an end.

Some became officers instead of regular members because of planning and love for the club.

"I was a Spanish Club officer and not a regular member because I liked to plan the field trips, and I liked to have my hand in the affairs of the group," Eric Yttri, Spanish Club representative, said. "It was a lot of fun and I really loved the language."

Students joined clubs for different reasons. Older students made good role models and helped younger students aspire to fill their position.

"I originally joined *Crier* so I could be a good college applicant, but after going through the course I wanted to be the editor because *Crier* affected students' lives even though they may not realize it," *Crier* Editor-In-Chief Vicki Bembenista, senior, said.

"You joined a club for your own benefit, but when you became a leader, you did it to help the club," Nina said. "I was a member of Student Government to make sure the student body got represented, so people weren't making random

decisions for the students."

Members of clubs burdened themselves with extra responsibilities due to staff changes. The senior students in Band took matters into their own hands when their director, Miss Ginger Douglas left, and the unfamiliar material took new leaders some getting used to.

"We had to be responsible for putting on all the shows, making sure everyone's marching style was correct, and we taught the freshmen how to march, which is extremely difficult because they had never done anything like that before. It was especially tough being a leader when trying to teach the freshmen how to march at the same time," Eric said.

"Speech and Debate gave me good skills to become a leader," Michelle Coduti, sophomore, said. "You could speak in front of people without being afraid and those were some of the qualities you needed to be a good leader."

After putting away the cameras and equipment, Adam waited in anticipation for the next show that he directed to air on television.

"You joined a club for your own benefit, but when you became a leader, you did it to help the club," Nina Bilimoria, junior



National Honor Society (continued): (front row) Diane Curtis, Abigail Wallace, Bob Burchardt, Jim Strain, Kolbe Curran, Kevin Kress (second row) Erik Patel, Amy Los, Melissa Thevin, Heidi Meyer, Greg Bugby, Dave Wendell, Anna Kozlowski (third row) John Parr, Rena Doshi, TJ Anthony, David Tabion, Jennifer Kalina, Joe Basil (back row) Bob Yamtich, Adam Brown, Greg Zeck, Mark Shearman, Chris Pfister, Dan Watson.



National Honor Society (continued): (front row) Jaci Palos, Anne Ellis, Hiral Shah, Bonnie Abercrombie, Sarah Lisa Eidam, Kate Schoen (second row) Christine Blake, Kara Argus, Vicki Bembenista, Amanda Zagorski, Amanda Zivich, Chris Schneider (back row) Laura Polutnek, Tom Summers, Mike Safana, Joe Rybarczyk, Greg Thiera, Dan Schmid, Jeff Tsai

Fact: NHS members tutored at the Mayflower House, an establishment for abused teenage girls.

READY to serve

To celebrate Oktoberfest, Dan Grady, junior, passes out bratwurst for German Club. "In German Club, you learned more about the culture," Dan said. "You didn't just learn the language like in class."



FINAL touch

Focusing on her project for Art Club, Christine Thiera, junior, touches up a flower on the bird house to donate to the Humane Society for action. "It was fun to get together with other people who like art and be creative," Christine said.



Orchestra: (front row) Carolyn Oosterbaan, Megan Gleason, Ariane Peralta, Bilal Omery, Katie O'Block, Melissa Falgier (second row) Nancy Chen, Valerie Porras, Holly Grunewald, Shilpa Rane, Sheila Rane, Steph Zeck, Jenny Fell (third row) Samantha Watanapongse, Jenny Bamboat, Morgan Matthews, Kaitlin Kovach, Priya Pai, Natalie Bieda (back row) Tricia Victor, Kathryn Lanzillo, Cristina Casas, Terryn Funston, Shardul Shah, Emily Stemmer, Katie Gikas

Number of Members: 54

Leaders: Sponsor-Mrs. Sara White, President-Shilpa Rane, Vice-president-Mary Spomar, Secretary-Priya Pai, Social Coordinator-Matt Thompson

Fact: The Camerata Ensemble qualified for State, where eight individuals received Firsts.



Orchestra continued: (front row) Katie Caine, Erica Rangel, Monica Aldelescu, Deepam Rusia, Sharyn Goldyn (second row) Jonathan Friedman, Andy Zuoman, Tom Summors, Greg Thiera, Gregg Sorelek, Keith Serrels (third row) Jeff Palmer, Ted Vlahu, Pam Wiers, Michelle Stenger, Lisa Penrose (back row) Sarah Hannigan, Marisa Renwald, Roman Teller, Kelly Lorenz, Paul Rogers, Cassandra Sotos

LIFE LESSON

FROM COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO TIME MANAGEMENT, STUDENTS LEARN THAT THE BENEFITS OF JOINING CLUBS SURVIVE PAST THEIR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Beyond the college application, other reasons accounted for students joining extracurriculars. Not all students joined to add a line to supplement their college applications; many joined for enrichment. Shardul Shah, sophomore, realized what he learned from Speech and Debate would carry on in the future.

"I learned things that I could use beyond high school," Shardul said. "I learned how to stick to commitments, how to manage my time, and how to stay dedicated to whatever it was you want to achieve at that time."

Clubs contained additional qualities that attracted students. They learned valuable lessons that could not come out of a 53-minute class.

"Spanish Club provided an understanding of the culture that you didn't have time for in class," Mrs. Anne Whiteley, Spanish teacher, said.

Learning moved beyond the classroom walls for the school's publications as the *Crier* and the *Paragon* staffs prepared for constant deadlines. Students spent numerous

HIGH strung

During Orchestra, Juniors Natalie Bieda and Priya Pai practice for an upcoming concert. "I liked getting to play with other people rather than myself all the time," Natalie said.

hours trying to perfect their own work before being published and distributed to the entire student body. These students acquired skills that surpassed those of journalism.

"You learned how to deal with all different kinds of people," *Crier's* Managing Editor, Sarah Alexander, senior, said. "You learned humility in a twisted way because you had ideas and someone wouldn't like it."

Speech and Debate members prepared themselves for their future with experience in public speaking.

"When you were in Speech and Debate, you learned how to communicate well," Shardul said. "You use that in everyday life, for opportunities in the future."

Clubs as a whole offered more than students initially expected, as they picked up valuable tools on the way. These learning experiences benefited students not only for their high school days, but for the future, college and beyond, as well. Students like Shardul showed that the benefits of clubs surpassed the importance of that line on their college application.

"You learned how to deal with all different kinds of people. You learned humility in a twisted way because you had ideas and someone wouldn't like them." Sarah Alexander, senior



Camerata Orchestra: (front row) Samantha Watanapongse, Natalie Bieda, Sheila Rane, Shipa Rane (second row) Morgan Matthews, Cristina Casas, Priya Pai, Andrew Zusman, Emily Stemer (back row) Erica Rangel, Jeff Palmer.

Number of Members: 11



Paragon: (front row) Mary Mangus, Kathryn Taber, Laura Hansen, Jenny Caine, Mrs. Nancy Hastings (second row) Katie Carragher, Allison Adams, Fritz Egnatz, Diane Curtis (back row) Stacy Smith, Adam Samara, Brad Shapiro, Nate Hansen, Adam Economou

Number of Members: 16

Leaders: Sponsor-Mrs. Nancy Hastings, Editor-in-Chief/Copy Editor-Katie Carragher, Design Editor-Managing Editor-Diane Curtis, Assistant Copy Editor-Jenny Caine, Photography Editor-Allison Adams, Associate Editor-Stacey Smith

Fact: *Paragon* won both a Gold Crown and a Pacemaker for their 1998 yearbook.



Quill and Scroll: (front row) Sarah Alexander, Vicki Bombenista, Cori Oprinovich, Jenny Caine (back row) Katie Carragher, Adam Samara, Joe Rybarczyk, Diane Curtis

Number of members: 8

Leaders: Sponsor-Mrs. Nancy Hastings, President-Cor Oprinovich, Vice-president-Katie Carragher, Secretary Sarah Alexander, Membership Chairperson-Adam Samara

Ring the Bell

Taking time to help raise money for area charities, seniors Kate Schoen and Debby Feldman ring bells for the Salvation Army at Jewel Food

Stores. Whether tutoring or serving as guides for the December Dance Team competition, members helped serve the community.



Building It Up

In hopes of finishing the sophomore homecoming float, Sophomore CEC members Ashley Kaufman, Andrew Schumacher, Kaitlin Kovach, and Priti Patwari work away in the auditorium scene shop. Working as a team on their first class project, the sophomores went on to beat the upper classes and win the float competition.

Getting Ready

To get ready for the fall play, *Frankenstein*, Tiffany Sanders, sophomore, puts makeup on Chris Hunt, junior. Chris played a member of the mob during the production.



Project X: (front row) Farah Sherif, Ishani Dalal, Melissa Moore, Megan Morley, Nancy Chen, Neha Shah (second row) Palwasha Rahmany, Tara Gibbs, Amanda Aguilera, Iris Insurriaga, Morgan Matthews, Priti Patwari, Cristina Casas (third row) Candice Grant, Marcia Bazak, Julie Wadycki, Christine O'Shea, Eunice Shin, Monica Gallardo (back row) Jenny Yamtich, Nisha Doshi, Christine Blake, Michelle Myszak, Sarah Hannigan, Courtney Chung, Haq Huyoth



SADD: (front row) Priti Patwari, Amy Jo Pykosz, Julie Wadycki, Megan Morley, Morgan Matthews (second row) Poonam Shah, Nisha Doshi, Sarah Hannigan, Poonam Shah, Christine O'Shea, Monica Gallardo (back row) Chris Pykosz, Abigail Wallace, Kellie Curran, Michelle Myszak, Adam Wallace, Haq Huyoth, Chris Newcomb



Spanish Club: (front row) Niki Dausch, Poonam Shah, Megan Maruszak, Eun Cho (second row) Shannon Harvey, Priya Pai, Sarah Grauwogl, Nisha Doshi, Za Bilimoria, Elizabeth Olley (third row) Sara Wojcik, Jillian Stout, Kathleen Spence, Katherine Pawlowicz, Poonam Shah (back row) Martin Stanko, Tim Webb, Evelyn Watterson, David Young, Eric Yttri, Danicle Rakich

Clubs



HELPING HAND

WHETHER RINGING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY OR HELPING OUT AT A SOUP KITCHEN, CLUBS WORKED TO SPREAD INTEREST AND KNOWLEDGE AROUND SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE

Preparing to enter adulthood, students devised ways to give back to the community. Clubs offered opportunities to achieve this goal by promoting student volunteerism.

Hoping to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate, Project X engaged in a variety of activities from helping with the Salvation Army to making Valentines for senior citizens.

"We organized a clothing drive during the year," Amanda Aguilera, junior, said. "Around Christmas time, we helped the Salvation Army load up a truck with clothing for the homeless and less fortunate."

Project X worked at the Jewel Food Store Nov. 28 to aid the Salvation Army in ringing the bells. The earned money went to several different charities in the Munster area.

"We had been volunteering for the Salvation Army, ringing bells outside various stores in Munster," Iris Insurriaga, junior, said. "When it got cold outside, we also worked at a soup kitchen and nursing homes to do whatever we could to help."

Some causes hit closer to home. While busy making signs to hang

around the school, baring slogans like 'You've waited 16 years for this (your license), don't blow it now', SADD members bonded as a group. From movies, bowling, and hayrides to assisting the community, students filled their freetime hours.

Fulfilling international standards of serving their community, National Honor Society (NHS) members worked extra hours tutoring confused students at the Mayflower House in Hammond, Wilbur Wright Middle School and the high school.

"I thought that it was a great idea to have students tutor students," Janna Lorenzen, senior, said. "The person that was being tutored may have felt better being tutored by a fellow student. It was a good experience for the tutor, too. You felt good helping."

Project X, SADD and NHS helped the community both in and out of school. Whether preventing students from driving drunk or tutoring a fellow student, club members aimed to make a difference.

"We had been volunteering for the Salvation Army, ringing bells outside various stores in Munster," Iris Insurriaga, junior



Spanish Club: (front row) Ruchi Parikh, Margaret McDos, Jenny Bamboat, Nina Bilimoria, Laura Shroyer, second row: Farah Sherif, Sarah Kelley, Andrew Kennedy, Ishani Dalal, Lisa Basil, Jennifer Lee, Emily Montgomery (third row) Nancy Chen, Priti Puri, Emily Herrin, Shilpa Joshi, Stephanie Pflug (back row) Sambodhi Das, Brian Ranade, Iris Insurriaga, Amanda Aguilera, Monica Gallardo, John Kepfinger



Speech and Debate: (front row) Nisha Doshi, Zoran Balac, Apni Komendat, Tiffany Sanders, Kathleen Spence, Jeff Palmer, Andrew Schumacher (second row) Josh Rosenthal, Nicole Pellegano, Jen Goldsmith, Lauren Postikas, Stephanie Zeck, Karen Lindemann (third row) Deepam Raza, Anne Ellis, Vicki Benbenista, Ryan Trojanski, David Young, Rina Doshi, Kate Schoen, Mike Fison (fourth row) Brad Lapton, Kate Gluck, Erin Tababas, Evelyn Watterson, Lindsay Baranowski, Brandon Sweeney (back row) Ashley Kaufman, David Culberg, Jim Rebeco, Greg Zeck, Steve Lindemann, Mark Olley, Tim Webb



Speech and Debate: (front row) Colin Kern, Danny Larson, Rachel Franklin, Zal Bilimoria, Hiral Shah (second row) Alexey Bryan, Brian Ranade, Terry Funston, Daniel Chakraborty, Shardul Shah, Colleen Summers (third row) Megan Kikalis, Adam Wesolowski, Deb Sundt, Mahdi Ojaghi, John Kepfinger (back row) Ashley Porta, Sada Najamuddin, Poonam Shah, Priti Patwari, Kevin Cane, Lauren Roman

TRAVEL TIME

WHETHER COMPETING, SIGHT-SEEING,
OR ENTERTAINING THE CROWDS, CLUB MEMBERS
JOURNEY FROM CHICAGO TO WASHINGTON, DC, IN HOPES
OF EXPANDING INTEREST AND KNOWLEDGE

Seeing a movie on Friday night and sleeping in late on Saturday morning, students often used weekend time to recover from the stress of the previous school week. For dedicated club members, however, after-school and weekend field trips left little time for sleeping, lounging all day, or viewing the latest flick at Showplace 16.

While some clubs focused on competition, others, such as the foreign language clubs, prioritized the cultural experiences students would remember.

German Club traveled to Six Flags Great America for Fright Fest, to Lincoln Park Zoo and also Water Tower Place. To imitate German culture, they made fieldtrips such as their annual ski

trip at Cascade Mountain in Portage, WI, and trips to German Town in downtown Chicago.

"The Christmas field trip was a fun trip, except for the fact that we had to walk for blocks in the rain to get to Water Tower," Christine Thayer, junior, said.

French and Spanish Clubs organized

culturally-oriented field trips. Both groups visited the Chicago Art Institute to view the "Christmas Around the World" display and the Omnimax theater. Spanish Club sponsored its annual "Día de los Muertos" party, while French Club participated in the annual Fromage, Buche, and Crepe parties. Both clubs focused on traditional food as part of the cultural experience. Exposure to cultural displays allowed students to gain and encounter first hand knowledge.

The *Crier* and *Paragon* staffs attended a National Journalism Convention in Washington DC in November. The trip served as an educational experience as well as a historical trip. The students toured the nation's capital for five days between classes where they acquired new skills and techniques which could be used to benefit both publications.

Although clubs chose to use out-of-school time in different ways, each and every opportunity proved a unique experience. Whether learning a new aspect of a culture or touring the Holocaust museum in DC, students took advantage of fieldtrips available and explored new facets of education.

"I think the value of a field trip is that instead of just hearing someone talk about things you're learning about, you get to see it for yourself," Emily Herrin, senior



Speech and Debate: (front row) Sarah Baker, Farah Sheriff, Margaret DeBois, Ishani Dalal, Julie Spear, Michelle Sopher, Nina Bilimora (second row) Shilpa Joshi, Michelle Cudati, Laura Dunn, Betty Hoyle, Andrew Kennedy, Jenny Bamboat (back row) Lisa Basil, Emily Steiner, Jennifer Lee, Candace Grant, Vanita Seetharaman, Samantha Watanaopongse, Kaitlin Kovach



Student Government: (front row) Katy Stine, Nina Bilimora, Julia Bochnowski, Meghan Ambre, Mary Spomar, Ariane Peralta, Farah Sheriff (second row) Jessica Collinsworth, Karen Lindemann, Katie Thompson, Lisa Eidam, Desiree Ballanco, Stephanie Zeck, Christina Guzik (third row) Hiral Shah, Gregory Krupinski, Anne Ellis, Christine Blake, Jim Hamblin, Kevin Cane, Shilpa Kane (back row) Mike Baniak, Nicole McDermott, Mike Boyle, Greg Zeck, Dan Dukach, Joanne Knish, Stephanie Gill, Torie Cox

Number of Members: 12

Leaders: Sponsor-Mrs. Nancy Newcomb, President-Dan Dukach, Vice-president-Greg Zeck, Secretary-Anne Ellis, Treasurer-Lisa Eidam

Fact: Personally delivered Adopt-an-Angel gifts to needy children





MR. snowman

To prepare for the Marshall Fields Jingle Elf Parade, Chris Pykosz, freshman, adjusts his snowman costume. "I was picked because I did it before," Chris said. "The first year I was too fat to fit into the elf suit so I had to be the snowman. This year I just did it again because I liked it."

WORN out

Relaxing on the capital steps, journalists Stacey Smith, Vicki Bembinista and Diane Curtis, seniors, await the arrival of representative Pete Visclosky. Nine staff members from Crier and Paragon traveled to Washington D.C. to join 5,000 students at the National Journalism Convention.



ON the road again

With bags in hand and anticipation in her mind, Amy Dungey, sophomore, gets ready to load her luggage on the bus for the Poms trip to Orlando, FL. "We practiced since August," Amy said. "We thought we could have done better, but we learned to practice more if we get a chance to go next year."



Thespians (front row) Tricia Victor, Marsha Gill, Emily Holly, Andrew Kennedy **(second row)** Nicole Pellegrino, Kate Schoen, Allison Paliga, Danielle Dellorito, Kevin Cane, Kathryn Lanzillo **(third row)** Laura Polutnik, Brandon Sweeney, Vicki Bembinista, Kaita Argus, Zal Billmorja **(back row)** Tom Summers, Dario Perdomo, Brian Treasure, Dave Mangus, Scot Goldyn, Joe Rybarczyk

Number of members: 22

Leaders: Sponsor-Mrs. Renee Kourts, President-David Mangus, Vice-president-Vicki Bembinista, Secretary-Joe Rybarczyk, Treasurer-Scot Goldyn, Historian-Sasha Vasic



Video Club: (front row) Dean Fehlau, Sachin Doshi, Sherdul Shah, Brian Ranaide **(second row)** Jeff Hugelberg, Andy Zusman, Scott Boudi, Matt Barney, Justin Ionita **(back row)** Ted Vlahu, Adam Economou, Dan Witting, Jeff Palmer, Zoran Balas

Number of Members: 14

Leaders: Sponsor-Mark Barreiro, President-Adam Economou, Vice-president-Jeff Palmer, Secretary Justin Ionita, Treasurer-Dean Fehlau

Fact: Produced their own television show called "The M Files" at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts

Seeing is Believing

Sometimes

merely hearing hallway gossip proved too bizarre to believe. In those cases, **Seeing is Believing**.

■ To ensure school safety, Tri-Electronics installed and strategically placed 42 security cameras throughout the facility, which would become the eyes of the school when the lights dimmed.

Arranged both inside and outside the building, the cameras served as a preventative measure against both break-ins and vandalism.

Despite **People** whining and complaining about the cameras invading their privacy, the security paid off in early February when thieves stole senior Nate Pleitner's Pontiac Grand Prix from the North parking lot. The cameras caught the action on tape and the administration turned the video over to the police.

■ The packed North lot could be seen during

Band-anas

Turning their attention off their instruments and onto the field, seniors Tiffany Dell'Aquila and Kristen Spitz take a break from their performance at the Homecoming game.

Giving a Lift

Fulfilling their camp counselor duties for the Munster Parks and Recreation Department, seniors Christine O'Shea and Megan Deterline help their friend quench his thirst.



Face Off

Sizing up his opponent, Marc Stojkovich, junior, looks for an opening to attack. As one of the team's stand outs, Stojkovich helped lead his team going undefeated at the long anticipated Super Dual.



Shoulder Support

During the afternoon pep rally, juniors Ryan Beemer and John Richey show off their school spirit by joining in with the cheerleaders.



Sporting events, especially Jan. 29 when a triple overtime led to a Boys' Varsity Basketball win over Griffith, 81-75. Aaron Jillson, junior, stood holding the ball for 3:52 of the second four-minute overtime waiting for the last shot. Jillson scored more than half the Mustang's total points and set a new personal record of 45 points in one game.

■ Patrons exiting the parking lot noticed freshly painted white lines on Columbia Ave. indicating the new bike trail. Completing one of the last links

across the **Community**, Munster spent \$1.6 million to connect to surrounding paths. Ten miles of trails joined the town, and when the Lake County trails are complete, riders can travel to and from Whiting through Crown Point.

Without actually witnessing these occurrences taking place around us, no one would believe the stories if we told them: you'd have to **see it to believe it**.



Clean Sweep

Scraping ice and snow off her car, Stephanie Dujmovic, senior, cleans off Mother Nature's handywork after a long day of snow.

Down a Rough Road

Struggling through first season of Lake Athletic Conference, Mustang football faces disappointment

Best Game "The win over Griffith, definitely," Bob Austgen, senior, said. "It was one of the best moments of my life. We had lost three games in a row before that one and we really needed a win. We won a close game, and the big Griffith-Munster rivalry made it better."

Leadership "Kevin Jablonski, Chris Pfister, and Jared Hamilton (seniors), and Jake Skelton (junior)," Jay Korczak, junior, said. "These four were captains most of the time. We chose new captains every week. They were good because they were emotional leaders. When they played good, it made the rest of us play better."

Strengths Despite struggles, the Mustangs had strong points. "At times, the ability of the team showed through," Dave Wendell, senior, said. "If we really put our minds to it we could get the job done."

Weaknesses "We always practiced very well but we didn't play with a lot of emotion on Friday," Head Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, said. "This was very strange and difficult to figure out. Also, the latter half of the season, there was a lack of confidence. We never had two or three easy games in a row to build confidence. We were constantly fighting off alligators."

Heart of a Champion "This was a personal saying that I've had for many years," Coach Marsh said. "It came from my son Ryan and watching his struggles. I thought this team had some of the same qualities: not great talent but they had lot of heart."

Tough Practices "They were hard because football is a physical sport," Austgen said. "You do it for three hours every day except Sunday for thirteen weeks. It's not so much the things we do that make it hard; it's just time consuming and tiring."

Best Team Moment "Beating Griffith, everybody got fired up for that one, even the younger guys on the sidelines," Wendell said. "Everyone was

focused and it was a total team effort. After losing to them last year, it was good for us to win. It was a really big accomplishment."

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Varsity Football

3-7
Conference Record
3-3

Gavit 43-26
Crown Point 0-27
Lake Central 12-55
Andrean 0-20
Griffith 18-10
Hammond High 7-10
Highland 6-12
Lowell 20-14
Bloomington 6-30

Sectionals
Hammond 0-16

Who would've believed?

Dancing in the locker room and singing in the showers, the football team reacted to their 18-10 victory over Griffith. "Everyone was going crazy," Chris Pfister, senior, said. "The locker room was a big party. Everyone was dancing around and yelling and stuff. Even the coaches were going nuts."

The team's hard work while conditioning for the game resulted in a win.

"The whole week we just prepared," Jay Korczak, junior, said. "By Friday we were so ready to go and so pumped up that we just went out there and played the best we did all year. We celebrated for a week."

Fall Sports





Mob Scene

Forcing his way through a pack of Lowell defensemen, Javier DeLuna (44), senior, is tackled while Dan

Anderson (33), sophomore, and Kevin Jablonski (18), senior, block other Lowell players. DeLuna rushed for 1005 yards and 9 touchdowns during the season.

Varsity Football

(front row) Chris Pfister, Adam Noel, Jared Hamilton, Kevin Jablonski, Dave Wendell, Kevin Talbot, Javier DeLuna, (second row) Erik Merkell, Bob Austgen, Brian Marschak, Chip Harwood, Pete Dennis, Nick Adamopoulos, Keith Hyland, Corey Hill, (third row) Bill Macha, Mike Rescan, Nate Hansen, Nick Monteleone, Greg Hodges, Joe Kucovina, Aaron Barnes, Brian Jablonski, Matt DeBoer, (fourth row) Tomio Toyama, Jay Korczak, Mike Baniak, Steve Persic, Josh Sudbury, Jake Skelton, Bryan Washausen, Steve Ashby, (fifth row) Jakub Mielnicki, Erik Rosiak, Ron Barkowski, Dave Luptak, John Hanrahan, Dan Diombala, Marc Stojkovich, Bill Trovinger, Chris Newcomb, (sixth row) Greg Schneider, Tom Royal, Brian Balkan, Mike Mirabelli, Justin Barger, Dave Daniels, Sean Greenya, Dan Anderson, Mike Boyle, Brad Clark, (seventh row) J.E. Anthony, Dan Mize, Steve Steele, Andy Rice, Brian Lerner, Jimmy Howard, Rob Branson, (last row) Coach Rob McCall, Coach Scott McAlister, Head Trainer John Doherty, Head Coach Leroy Marsh, Coach Dirk Sloan, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Tom Lurgus



Long Shot

Blocking Andrian's defense, Nate Hansen (59), junior, allows Chris Pfister (7), senior, to pass the ball. Pfister scored or assisted on seven touchdowns during the season.

Team Moment

Hurriedly running onto the field, seniors Chris Pfister (7), and Kevin Jablonski (18), and Dave Luptak (11), junior, congratulate Dan Diombala (8), junior. Diombala scored the first touchdown of the season against Cavit

Passing Game

To move the ball closer to a touchdown, quarterback Chris Pfister (7), senior, hands off to Matt DeBoer (45), sophomore. "Pfister led by his actions," Steve Persic, junior, said. "You could tell he played his heart out."

Hard Hit

Quickly moving in for the tackle, juniors Marc Stojkovich (9) and Dave Luptak (11) stop Griffith's offense. Munster defeated the defending state champions 18-10.



Freshman Football

(front row) Tim Webb, Mike Vrabel, Jim Knight, Jon Wendell, Greg Eckrich, Joe Jaksich, Adam Wallace, (second row) James Olasebikan, Dave Dziubczynski, Andy DeYoung, Brad Nykiel, Tom Lee, Ed Briganti, (third row) Dorian Davis, Blake Noland, Joe Schmiedl, James Pavisian, Ashraf Abu-alta, David Kaplan, David Hansen, (fourth row) Ed Harrington, Tony Doesburg, Louis Mazza, Allen Hill, Adam Jadryev, Zach Lambert, Nick Kikalos, (last row) Coach Carl Fields, Joe Moosenmiller, Kevin Kutansky, Matt Nierengarten, Nick Bularzik, Head Coach Brian Clark



Behind the Scenes

His hands full, Chris Schneider, senior, prepares to take water onto the field. "I like being involved with the football team, but I'd rather help them than hurt them," he said.

Down for the Count

Injured players Dan Diombala (8), junior, and Jared Hamilton (60), senior, nurse their injuries on the sideline at the Homecoming game. Both suffered knee injuries.



Down a Rough Road

continued

JV Football 6-3

Gavit 55-0
Crown Point 21-13
Lake Central 13-18
Griffith 17-21
Highland 22-20
Lowell 34-7
Kankakee Valley 14-6
Highland 15-12
Lowell 0-6

Freshman Football 3-6

Andean 22-0
Gavit 0-8
Crown Point 0-27
Griffith 21-22
Kankakee Valley 22-16
Hammond 28-21
Highland 0-28
Lake Central 6-24
Lowell 8-22

Biggest Disappointment "They could have done better than they did," Coach Scott McAlister, economics teacher, said. "The problem was a lack of consistency. We had talent, and felt we should have done better. If the team had been terrible and had been expecting a bad season, it wouldn't have been as bad. But we thought we could have done much better than we did, and it was a big disappointment."

Battle of the Bridge "Losing the Battle of the Bridge was the worst feeling because we haven't lost to them in nine years," Kevin Jablonski, senior, said. "And then we were the team that lost to them my senior year. It was just a really horrible feeling walking off the field and hearing the people in Highland's stands singing 'Na na na na, hey, hey, goodbye,' and knowing we had lost."

Summary of the Season "It was kind of a roller coaster ride emotionally," Coach Marsh said. "There were highs and lows. It was enjoyable because of the players' effort. They were great to coach. It was frustrating on Friday nights because of our schedule, and we never played as well as we could have."

Every Inch Counts

As a Lowell defenseman tackles him, Javier DeLuna (44), senior, makes a dive to try to move the football a few more feet. The Homecoming victory over Lowell marked four straight Homecoming wins for the Mustangs.



Living through the Pain

Girls' Soccer Team faces challenges due to injuries to finish with 4-2 conference record

Team Unity "We had bonded," Lindsay Baranowski, freshman, said. "Varsity had always cheered for us. There was this one time when we had lost and were all running off of the field. Varsity kept chanting, 'Go JV!' I thought it was really sweet to do that."

Greatest Strength "We had a mixture of experienced players, along with new and talented players that joined this year for the first time," Coach Donna Sopko said. "We had really good teams."

Who would've believed?

Something that the Girls' Soccer Team never expected to happen occurred on the way to the Portage game.

After leaving the school only minutes before, the bus broke down, causing them to spend unwanted time in Hammond.

"The bus kept overheating and we had to pull over once or twice," Meaghan Lober, junior, said. "The second time we pulled over, the driver had to turn on the heat. It felt like it was ninety degrees."

"It was terrible being stalled where we were. There was this really awful smell because we were next to a factory," Sara Leitelt, junior said.

The bus re-started a few minutes later, proving a memorable trip.

"At least we were only stopped for a few minutes," Brittany Stasiak, junior, said. "We could have suffocated or something worse."

"The incident made the long ride to Portage even longer," Lober said.

They won 3-2 following arrival, and "were very happy to be home," Stasiak said.

Superstitions "One time when we went to El Taco," Sarah Leitelt, junior, said. "There were so many people there. We ended up having to sit at different tables. That was pretty much defeating the whole purpose. We were sitting in different places all over the restaurant."

Stress "Getting to Sectionals had always been a long team goal," Kate Schoen, senior, said. "We expected to have a winning record. Beating Highland and Griffith were season goals, too."

Key Players "Lisa Pleitner was always getting us motivated," Lindsay Baranowski, freshman, said. "Annie was just so incredibly skilled, and Cori Oprinovich had a real positive attitude, all the time. You just loved to be around her."

Biggest Disappointment "Our sectional game was a big disappointment," Annie Domasiak, junior, said. "Kate broke her leg, and we all felt really bad for her after that happened."

Best Moment "For Senior Night, the JV team made up this song about us from tv theme songs," Cori Oprinovich, senior, said. "About nineteen to twenty girls were standing in front of this group of people, laughing and singing out of key. Then they pulled down their shorts and had 'we love seniors' spelled out with masking tape."

On the Side

With an injured ankle on the sidelines, Kate Schoen (11) painfully watches the game that caused her to not finish out the season. "I was crying not only because of the pain, but because of the realization that it was going to be my last game in high school," Schoen said.

Girls' Soccer

10-7

Conference

4-2

Morton 9-0
St. Joe Jr. Irish Field 0-5
Bishop Noll 8-0
Portage 3-2
Andrean 3-6
Chesterton 4-3
Griffith 4-3
Valpo 3-4
Lowell 6-0
Lake Central 6-1
Kankakee Valley 10-0
Merrillville 4-2
Hobart 4-0
Logansport 1-1
Highland 0-1
Crown Point 2-0

Sectionals

Griffith 1-2

JV Girls' Soccer

4-12

Morton 2-0
St. Joe Jr. Irish Field 0-9
Bishop Noll 4-3
Portage 0-5
Andrean 1-7
Chesterton 0-5
Valpo 0-5
Lowell 4-0
Lake Central 0-6
Kankakee Valley 1-0
Merrillville 0-2
Hobart 0-2
Griffith 0-3
Logansport 0-4
Highland 0-2
Crown Point 0-5





Varsity Girls' Soccer: (front row) Lauren Eidam, Lindsey Serrin, Lisa Basil, Kiley Wallace, Stephanie Schrage; (second row) Sara Leitelt, Kate Schoen, Cori Oprinovich, Kathryn Lanzillo, Jessica Oprinovich, Karla Balas; (back row) Coach Donna Sopko, Meaghan Lober, Annie Domasica, Erin Talabay, Jenny Sharp, Kristal Markovich, Assistant Coach John Fekete



JV Girls' Soccer: (front row) Lauren Dunn, Diana Santay, Jill Horn, Lindsay Holajter, Lauren Weichman; (second row) Lisa Pleitner, Brittany Stasiak, Saralyn Feinberg, Valarie Porras, Julia Bochnowski, Angie Meyers; (back row) Coach Donna Sopko, Terryn Funston, Lindsay Baranowski, Evy Watterson, Kristen Shetton, Desiree Royal, Gail Wallace, Assistant Coach John Fekete



Sideline Glare

Taking a break from watching their teammates, JV members Lisa Pleitner, Brittany Stasiak, Evy Watterson and Christine Porzkowski turn to coaches Donna Sopko and John Feteke during a pause. The girls experienced their first season on the new soccer field.

Driving Force

Down by three in the second half, Evy Watterson, freshman, battles to steal the ball. Despite losses, the JV team learned from their losses and improved each game.



Make a Run for It

To get the ball, Annie Domasica, junior, races against her opponent. Domasica's tenacity helped her team to achieve their 10-7 record.

Stretch the Limit

With positive attitudes and team unity in sight, the Boys' Soccer Team overcomes obstacles and injuries

Biggest Strength "Our pride and heart were definitely our biggest strengths," KK Azodo, senior, said. "It was mostly due to our coach because he showed us how to work really hard and there was no individuality. We played all together as a team."

Injuries Dan Schmid, senior, broke his nose September 5 getting kicked in the face by an opposing team member. He had surgery while doctors re-broke his nose and then re-set it to ensure no permanent damage.

Ryan Dunn, senior, had a concussion from tripping over an opposing player. He stayed in the hospital for two days following the accident.

Sectionals "I think we prepared for sectionals more mentally than physically," Steve Pesich, junior, said. "We had some work to do on the field, but we knew what we could do, so we tried to get into the right frame of mind to play at that level."

Superstitions "We always wore black socks at the beginning of the season but once Ryan got hurt we stopped and we never wanted to wear them again," Kris Giba, senior, said.

Toughest Opponent "Valparaiso was a tough and hard team because they surprised us at the very beginning with three goals in the first eight minutes," Ruben Trevino, senior, said.

Team Unity "The team played extremely well together. Even when we didn't win, I had hoped that they would come back with the feeling that they played well and hopefully did their best," Coach Jim Prasopoulos said.

"We played really well as a team, Dan Schmid, senior, said. "Individually, we were nothing."

Practice "Practices varied. We did lots of drills and then we scrimmaged," Kris Giba, senior, said. "Sometimes we'd scrimmage for the whole practice."

In the Line of Fire

To block a goal, Steve Pesich (8), junior, throws his entire body into the path of the ball. The team worked together to win 3-2 against Hammond.

Varsity Boys' Soccer

9-3-4
Conference
8-0-2

Clark 8-0
Gavit 7-3
Griffith 2-1
Chesterton 3-1
Valparaiso 0-4
Hammond 3-2
Crown Point 1-3
Highland 2-2 (OT)
Portage 2-2
Hobart 3-3
Lowell 8-0
Morton 5-1
Lake Central 3-3
Andrean 5-1
Bishop Noll 5-0
Merrillville 2-3

Sectionals
Lowell 10-0
Highland 1-3

Who would've believed?

Wearing their black socks for good luck, the Boys' Soccer Team prepared for a game against one of its biggest rivals. The players had anticipated playing Griffith all summer.

"All of us had friends on the Griffith team and we had always been rivals," Kris Giba, senior, said. "We had been playing them since we were little, so we really wanted to beat them."

Although playing Griffith proved challenging, the team pulled together resulting in a 2-1 win, coming up from 0-1.

The game occurred as the third game of the season and the first in a series against their biggest rivals.

"Winning really increased their confidence and led the way to the rest of the season," Coach Jim Prasopoulos, English teacher, said.

"One of the big moments was scoring the final goal, a penalty shot, that put us ahead, and then we kept their starter from scoring," Dan Watson, senior, said.



Fierce Competition

Grabbing his shirt, Kevin Higgins' (20), sophomore, opponent trips over him as Higgins slide tackles the ball. The team ended their season with a record of 9-3-4 after making it to sectionals.

On Target

With a look of concentration, Joe Rogan (18), freshman, struggles to reach the ball in enough time before his opponent does. The team rehearsed various drills every practice and scrimmaged each other to perform better as a team.



Swift Save

While his Griffith opponent unsuccessfully tries to steal the ball from him, Nick Varinac (19), sophomore, quickly reaches it first. The Griffith victory highlighted their season.



Varsity Boys' Soccer (front row) Kevin Higgins, Teruo Ioyama, Joe Rogan, Ruben Trevino, Alex Ridgeway, (second row) K.K. Azodo, Joe Bassil, Chi Azodo, Kris Gaba, Grant Duncan, Matt Nykuel, (back row) Coach Jim Praspoulos, Steve Pesch, Ryan McMahon, Ryan Dunn, Dan Schmid, Dan Watson, Assistant Coach Greg Hobby



JV Boys' Soccer (front row) Karl Spork, Eric Ford, Jon Kucsis, Marcos Campos, Austin Ridgeway, (second row) Thomas Zenos, Denis Lowe, Jon Banaszak, Josh Lipton, Mike Cronin, Brian Daniels, (back row) Tommy Clark, Nikola Djorovic, Nemanja Djorovic, Assistant Coach Greg Hobby, Jovica Skoric, Nick Varinac, Dennis Trilinski

Go Overboard

Concentrating on the game at hand, Margaret Schaum (10), junior, forcibly blocks the ball. Schaum became the only setter after Jamie Stennis, senior, injured her leg.

Varsity Volleyball: (front row) Stacey Smith, Beth Sliwa, Jelena Sijvar, Amanda Salinas, Margaret Schaum, Susan Hay, Rachel Merkel, (back row) Jessica Economou, Asst. Coach Jennifer Luksich, Coach Naveed Nizam, Stephanie Gill, Liz Spolnik, Jamie Stennis, Asst. Coach Don Fortner, Erica Rangel, Asst. Coach Kristine Moore

Ready and Waiting

Anticipating her opponents' next move, Stephanie Gill (8), junior, stands ready for the ball. Having a new coach, Naveed Nizam, team members concentrated on new strategies.



On the Block

To stop Lake Central's attack, Amanda Salinas (6), junior, blocks the ball while Jessica Wilson (14), freshman, watches in anticipation. Wilson was moved to the Varsity team to face Lake Central due to Rachel Merkel's, junior, temporary absence.

Long Stretch

To keep the ball in play Margaret Schaum (10), junior, kneels to pass the ball. Because of players' injuries, team members learned to be "all around players," according to Beth Sliwa, senior.





Taking it in

Stride

**Varsity
Volleyball**
12-18
Conference
7-6

With new coach and strategies,
Girls Volleyball team sets goals
high but struggles with injuries



Valparaiso 0-2
Chesterton 1-2
Lowell 1-2
Morton 2-0
Hobart 2-1
Clark 2-0
Crown Point 2-0
Bishop Noll 0-2
Gavit 2-1
North Newton 2-1
Portage 2-1
South Bend St. Joseph
0-2
Plymouth 1-2
Griffith 2-0
Hammond High 2-0
Columbus East 0-2
Muncie Burris 0-2
Peru 2-1
Ft Wayne Carroll 0-2
Lake Station 2-0
Whiting 2-1
Calumet 2-0
Highland 1-2
Merrillville 1-2
Valparaiso 0-2
Mishawaka 0-2
Highland 0-2

Sectionals
Merrillville 0-2

Best game "Definitely our best game was at our Munster Invite against Plymouth," Amanda Salinas, junior, said. "We had a really bad game and the coach asked, 'Do you want to play or do you just want to go home?' We really didn't want to go home because we'd practiced so hard for that moment. The few words he said really served as motivation, and we went out and played the best we'd ever played."

"I think it was against Columbus East in the Munster Invite because we were all really hustling and passing which was something we weren't good at," Rachel Merckell, junior, said. "We did lose, but we put everything together. Even after we lost, it felt like we won."

Biggest improvement "Our passing at the beginning of the year was bad but we got together," Stephanie Gill, junior, said. "Once that happened there was a lot more we could do hitting-wise. There was more variety and that helped our game."

"We really improved on passing," Talia Matruy-Vacaro, freshman, "Naveed really taught us a lot of the basics which really helped."

Worst practice "The first day of summer conditioning was terrible" Beth Sliwa, senior, said. "I'd never done so much running and jumping in my life. It was horrible! And it was outside and it was so hot. After we were done, we ran through the sprinkler. It was just the best feeling."

"Right before Sectionals we practiced after school till seven p.m.," Stephanie Gill, junior, said. "That was a killer because he (Coach Naveed Nizam) was really pushing us to get ready for Sectionals. We were running and jumping for four hours."

Biggest weakness "Putting everything all together and just making things click," Beth Sliwa, senior, said. "During our drills we were just fine, but then we had trouble in the games."

"If someone got upset, the whole team would get upset and it really affected us," Margaret Schaum, junior, said. "Then people would not play as well."

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Who would've believed?

Senior co-captains Beth Sliwa, Jaime Stennis, and Stacey Smith expected a successful season. "We had a whole new offense and defense," Sliwa said. "We really thought State was realistic."

Unfortunately, complications arose. Liz Spolnik, junior, broke a vertebra; Jelena Slijvar, sophomore, tore her anterior crucial ligament; and Stennis tore a major tendon in her leg. Injuries dashed pre-season hopes when the team didn't advance past Sectionals. However, strong friendships made the season worthwhile.

Taking it in **Stride**

continued

Greatest strength "It was team unity by far," Amanda Salinas, junior said. "We came together well and hung out a lot. We'd go to football games and team sleepovers. We went from never talking to talking all the time. Most of us went on to basketball together."

"In the beginning we were not working together well," Talia Matury-Vacaro, freshman, said. "We started winning more when we started playing together and understanding the defense and offense."

Biggest disappointment "Sectionals," Susan Hay, junior, said. "We played Merrillville and we didn't play as well as we should have. We just never came together like we wanted."

"Losing Sectionals," Beth Sliwa, senior, said. "We had a lot of expectations for ourselves and winning Sectionals was the biggest. When we lost it was the worst feeling for us."

"Losing the first round of Sectionals because we knew we had more talent than our record showed," Stephanie Gill, junior, said. "We thought we were going to have a really long, good season, and it was disappointing that it had to end so abruptly."

"Losing to Highland was our biggest disappointment," Margaret Schaum, junior, said. "We were so ready and we thought we were going to pull it off. We got ahead 10-2, and we thought we didn't need to work as hard, but the whole thing just fell through."

Pressures "Sectionals because we weren't really a favorite because we didn't have good a record," Margaret Schaum, junior, said. "Nobody thought we could do it. We knew that we could do it if we only put our minds to it, but, unfortunately, we didn't pull it off."

"We put pressure on each other to do well and meet our goals," Beth Sliwa, senior, said. "We wanted to show what we could do. We wanted to show the coach that he was actually doing something for us because he changed the program. We wanted to prove that we really were a good team even though our record wasn't the greatest."

Rivalry "Highland was our biggest rival," Rachel Merkell, junior, said. "We were always striving to beat them and we got to play them twice. The first time we were beating them, but we lost. Then we got the chance to play them again and we were blowing them out by ten points, but somehow we ended up losing the game."

Stress "Our season was stressful at the beginning," Rachel Merkell, junior, said. "We were trying to learn everything new and we lost the first few games. People lost confidence in themselves, and it was stressful because we were losing so much."

JV Volleyball

11-17

Conference 9-8

Valparaiso 0-2
Chesterton 2-0
Lowell 2-1
Morton 2-0
Lake Central 0-2
Hobart 0-2
Clark 2-1
Crown Point 1-2
Bishop Noll 0-2
Gavit 1-2
Mishawaka 0-2
Lake Central 1-2
Warsaw 0-2
Griffith 1-2
Hammond 2-0
Lake Station 2-0
Whiting 2-0
Lafayette Harrison 0-2
Michigan City 0-2
Highland 1-2
Calumet 2-0
Highland 2-1
Andean 0-2
Lake Central 2-0
Hammond 2-0
Gavit 1-2
Morton 2-0
Bishop Noll 0-2

Freshman A

Volleyball

8-5

Bishop Noll 1-2
Whiting 3-0
Lake Central 2-1
Plymouth 0-3
Valparaiso 0-2
Clark 2-0
Hammond High 3-0
Bishop Noll 1-2
Highland 2-1
Portage 2-0
Hobart 2-1
Gavit 2-1
Calumet 3-0

Freshman B

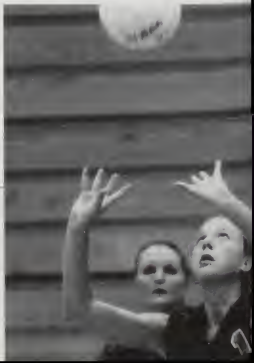
Volleyball

2-2

Bishop Noll 2-1
Valparaiso 0-2
Bishop Noll 0-2
Portage 2-0

Hands Up

Focused on the ball overhead, Margaret Schaum (10), junior, prepares to set the ball for Stacey Smith (5), senior, to spike it over the net. After Jaime Stennis', senior, injury, Schaum and the rest of the team needed to adjust to a new single setter offense.





Fired Up

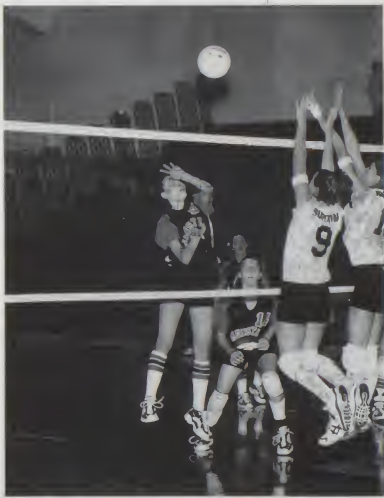
In a huddle before the Lake Central game, Susan Hay (1), junior, seniors Stacey Smith (5) and Beth Sliwa (3), and Stephanie Gill (8), junior, motivate each other. The team closeness on the court was enhanced by having sleepovers and attending football games together.

JV Volleyball: (front row) Katie Sliwa, Jamie Rosko, Katherine Caruso, Meredith Moran, Megan Graykowski, Christy Macak, (back row) Talia Matury-Vacaro, Alyssa Theile, Jessica Wilson, Coach Don Fortner, Marisa Anzur, Jen Kaczka, Gina Bassetto



Make a Hit

Stepping up to pound the ball, Stacey Smith (5), senior, confronts Lake Central. "It was probably the best game we played as a team," Smith said.



Freshman Volleyball: (front row) Lea Pupillo, Erin Kolb, Ashly Jasevicius, Kristi Nishimura, Colleen Summers, (second row) Katie Austgen, Julie Spear, Lauren Ziemba, Katie Thompson, Jessica Collinsworth, Karen Lindemann, Stephanie Smith, (back row) Angie Spozale, Jillian Martin, Asst. Coach Kristine Moore, Amanda Manoski, Christina DiConstanzo, Coach Jennier Luksich, Cindy Wisniewski, Alice Lannan

Urging On

Praising his team, Coach Naveed Nizam cheers on the sidelines. "He was one of us," Schaum said.

Field of Green

Driver in hand and aiming for the hole, Erin Egnatz, junior, prepares to slam the ball. "I am a pretty long driver, but other aspects of my game are stronger," Egnatz said.



Down Under

Finishing up a putt on the green, Emily Stemer, sophomore, bends down to pick up her ball. "I knew when I was putting that it was just one less stroke needed to finish the hole," Stemer said.

Heads Together

Advising the team on how to win the upcoming meet, Coach Jim Davidson explains his strategy to Emily Montgomery, freshman, and juniors Therese Dristas and Gina Puntillo. "It (the pregame sessions) were to get everyone focused before a meet," Davidson said.



Girls' Golf: Coach Jim Davidson, Erin Egnatz, Emily Montgomery, Therese Dristas, Katie Paliga, Emily Stemer, Gina Puntillo, Sarah Hannigan

Breaking Away

Tapping the ball with her goal in sight, Therese Dristas, junior, shoots for the hole. "It was hard because you didn't know where the ball would break," Dristas said. "You had to learn how to read the green."



Getting in the

Swing

With a young team, girls battle adversity and inexperience while aiming towards goal of par season

Girls' Golf

6-8

Portage 254-182
Kankakee Valley
Invitational 12th
Rensselaire Invitational
13th

Chesterton 227-257
Marquette Invitational
12th

Crown Point 203-187
Valparaiso 215-172
Merrillville 246-213
Marquette 228-194
Andrean 220-199
Wheeler 186-256

Lake Central 228-206
Hanover Central
207-263

Lowell 216-262
LaPorte Invitational
14th

Bishop Noll 228-240
Boone Grove 200-209
Kankakee Valley
200-200

Sectionals

7th

Superstitions "For most of the season I wore a blue floppy hat with a frog on it," Erin Egnatz, junior, said. "I also wore my hair in pigtails and I wore knee socks; golfers just don't do that sort of thing. I played that way and when I had a good round then I would continue to dress that way to continue my good luck."

Best Game The team beat Wheeler with a score of 186-256. Almost the entire team shot a new low score. Emily Montgomery, freshman, dropped her previously best score by thirteen strokes. Emily Stemer also shot a 45, her personal best.

"Wheeler was the best meet of the season," Montgomery said. "It was the lowest team score and a lot of players did great."

Key Players According to Coach Jim Davidson, industrial technology teacher, four main players paved the way to Munster's six victories, juniors Therese Dristas, Gina Puntillo, Erin Egnatz, and sophomore Emily Stemer. Dristas, a newcomer as a junior, and Puntillo played strongly throughout the season, while Egnatz led the team. Stemer improved immensely from last season.

History Erin Egnatz shot a score of 38 in 9 holes, putting her in the top ten scores in Munster's history. This feat has not been accomplished since 1995.

Goals "My goal was to have everybody improve on their scores throughout the season because we have a young team," Coach Davidson said. "We worked on setting up different situations; specific parts of the game instead of just going out and playing. We tried to practice at least a little everyday in some form, but there were times when we couldn't do this."

New Coaching Experience "It is a different experience with each coach," Stemer said. "You have to find their strengths and weaknesses and adapt."

Working "Mr. Davidson made us apply ourselves; before it didn't matter if we practiced or not," Puntillo said. "Davidson made us putt all the time, and we practiced on Fridays until seven o'clock, but it was definitely worth it in the long run."

Sand Blast

With a swing to send her ball flying out of the sand trap, Katie Paliga, freshman, aims to get her ball on the green. Katie was one of only two freshman players on the team.

Who would've believed?

Mrs. Karen Leeth, Athletic Director, required that the team travel via the red school van to practices and meets, a new rule installed for various reasons and meets.

"There was a liability issue," Mrs. Leeth said. "We could have been liable if a student got in a wreck. It inconvenienced some but we couldn't afford to be liable."

Taking the van to practice hassled players to arrive on time.

"Other sports practiced on school grounds but there was no golf course available; coaches couldn't allow the students to go out on their own to practice," said Leeth.

Boys' Tennis: (front row) Adam Spungen, Gregg Sorrels, Matt Guanzon, Deepam Rusia, Joseph Fray, Andrew Lautz, Adam Tepper (second row) Geoff Giro, John Castor, John Keplinger, Brian Ranade, Jon Friedman, Deb Sundi, Dan Chakraborty, Justin Ionita, Ankur Bhatt, Shajuddin Quadri (third row) Mimi Khsia, Andrew Schumacher, Chris Baut, Brad Lipton, David Culberg, Jeff French, David Young, Adam Cohen, Zack Jones (back row) Tim Smaron, Keith Sorrels, Kyle Maloney, Greg Zeck, Robbie Rothschild, Ryan Bulan, Bill Gray, Jim Hamblin, Coach Ed Musselman



Best Foot First

Lunging forward Jeff French, freshman, leans to hit the ball. Hitting the courts after school helped French improve his skills. He earned the position of the number one singles player in Lake County.



On the Lookout

While keeping a careful eye on the ball, Zal Bilimoria, junior, watches as Kyle Maloney, junior, hits it back to the other side. Knowing that one mistake could cost the game, partners watched not only the ball, but each other as well.

Long Stretch

As he stretches to smack the ball, Captain Robbie Rothschild, remains focused on the game at hand. "This has been my most successful season. Our expectations were extremely high," Rothschild said. Not only was he the captain of the team, but a fourth year letterman as well.



Airborn

In midair, Ryan Bulan, junior, leaps and swings to send the ball back to his opponent. He and his partner Bill Gray, junior, together won first Team All-District, and ended their season with a 26-3 record.



To an Extent

With outstretched arms and eyes and mind focused, Greg Zeck, senior, returns the ball. Zeck went on to win the Mental Attitude Award at State finals. He and Zack Jones, junior, received All-District honors.



Hit the High Spot

With high expectations and hours of practice, the Boys' Tennis Team works hard to reach goals and State

Varsity Tennis 22-2 Conference 10-8

John Shirley (Buckley Division) Champions
South Bend Clay Invitational Champions
Lake Central 5-0
Calumet 5-0
Andrean 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Morton 5-0
Highland 5-0
Hobart 5-0
LaPorte Invitational
LaPorte 5-0
Penn 3-2
Conference
Cavit 5-0
Highland 5-0
Lowell

Sectionals
Bishop Noll 5-0
Hammond High 5-0

Regionals
Lake Central 4-1
Crown Point 4-1

Semi-State
Mishawaka Marian 4-1
Goshen 3-2

State Finals
Kokomo 2-3
Floyd Central 1-4

Uniqueness "We had a lot of confidence which gave us an upper hand when playing tough opponents," Keith Sorrels, sophomore, said. "It took a lot of confidence to go 18-0 in the regular season."

Weakness "Our biggest weakness would have been trying too hard or too much," Zack Jones, junior, said. "Sometimes a person would think too much or try to be a hero and we didn't need that."

Hardest Practice "When you had to play a couple of challenging matches, summer conditioning became the hardest," Chris Baut, junior, said. "It was helpful because it prepared us for the long season ahead."

Greatest Strength "Our greatest strength was our ability," Sorrels, sophomore, said. "We had so many great tennis players: Bill Gray, Jeff French, and David Young are just a few."

Honors and Awards Greg Zeck won Mental Attitude Award at State finals. Jon Friedman and Keith Sorrels earned their letters and they won the "3rd Doubles" tournament. Zeck and Jones received All-District honors. The team won in both Indianapolis and South Bend, won at Semi-State, and came in 4th at State.

Coaching "It was the same coaching the guys," Coach Knish said. "Maybe the boys hit harder and were more outwardly tense. The girls were more reserved. Both the boys and the girls were quality athletes. They took it very seriously, and it showed in the records. It was fun coaching both."

Best Moment "The best moment this year was clinching victory in South Bend enabling us to go to State Finals," Jones said. "Normally, two doubles didn't get a lot of recognition."

State "This was my most successful season," Captain Robbie Rothschild, senior, said. "We were sixth in the state and our expectations were high."

Key Player "The number one key player was Robbie Rothschild," Coach Knish said. "He was a captain and a four-year letterman. He showed leadership and knew the opponents, and knew how to deal with what might happen."

Who would've believed?

He started playing the game at the age of four, eleven years and counting.

Jeff French, freshman, smashed his way into the number one singles player position in Lake County.

He practiced almost everyday for at least an hour, played in tournaments and received fifty trophies.

"My most stressful times were playing number one, when everyone was off the court, and I was the last one," French said.

He earned an opportunity to go down to State.

"We had accomplished our goal, we were satisfied."

While other kids watched cartoons, French and the rest of the team hit the courts to improve their tennis skills, which finally paid off.

Leading the Pack

Distancing herself, Jill Vega, freshman, runs past the competition. The girls spent countless hours after school conditioning to help improve times and keep team moral high.

Speeding Bullet

To complete a home meet at Community Park, Bonnie Abercrombie, senior, runs through the chute at the end of the course. "Going through the chute was really emotional. It was at the end so you were sprinting fast."

Going the extra mile

With a fractured tailbone behind her, Eileen Norris, senior, advances on a competitor. "Amy Blue and I were injured at the same time and we didn't run very well as a team when we had to sit out."



Girls' Cross Country: (front row) Jenny Yamtich, Jennifer Shike, Rachel Drolen, (back row) Eileen Norris, Jillian Vega, Coach Darlene Shike, Amy Blue, Bonnie Abercrombie



Ready, Set, Go

Waiting in line, the team anticipates the gunshot. "Togetherness was our biggest strength, everybody was so close," Bonnie Abercrombie, senior

said. "It was such a supportive atmosphere. That is what made us want to do our best."





Picking up the Pace

Girls' Cross Country 4-10

Crown Point 3rd
Crown Point, Gavitt,
Hanover, Lowell 5th
Bishop Noll, Clark 2nd
Lowell, Calumet, Gavitt
3rd
Gavitt, Griffith 3rd
Lowell Invitational 7th
Calumet, Whiting 1st
Highland Invitational
12th
Clark Invitational 6th
Lake Central, Clark
2nd
Lake Athletic
Conference Meet 5th

Sectionals 6th

Lady Mustangs rely on younger, inexperienced players to pull them through the season due to injuries

Injuries "Amy Blue broke her ankle for the second year in a row," Rachel Drolen, sophomore, said. "At the beginning of the season she didn't run, but towards the end she started running again and that helped the team. She ran in conference and sectionals."

Improvement "Everyone improved their times by the end of the season," Eileen Norris, senior, said. "The effort was put in and it paid off in the last meet."

Hardest Practice "Speedworkouts," Amy Blue, sophomore, said. We'd have to do 14 laps around the track. For the first 12 laps we'd do one sprint and one slow, to catch our breath. Then for the last two we'd do one medium speed and then the last one would be as fast as you could go."

Pressure "We got calmed down before meets by taking about funny things that had happened in the locker room," Jennifer Shike, freshman, said. "Katherine Stine always danced to B96 in her spankies. That calmed everybody down."

Superstition "Whoever ran really well that day wore the golden cape. If somebody was hurt, we let them wear it," Bonnie Abercrombie, senior, said. "Sometimes we hung it from a tree. We usually only brought it to our invites."

Strength "We had some really strong underclassmen. We ran powerful as a team," Norris said. "Jennifer Shike was amazing all season long. Even though she was only a freshman, she lead the team in most of the meets."

Disappointment "The biggest disappointment for the team was that we didn't make it to the regionals as a team," Blue said. "We were really close, we came in sixth and you had to come in fifth to advance. It wasn't really disappointing because we had a lot of fun. We all went to regionals to support the girl that advanced."

Step-By-Step



Swiftly pushing ahead of a pack of runners behind her, Rachel Drolen, sophomore, pushes forward to try and run her best. Because of numerous injuries, younger runners had to step up.

Who would've believed?

Co-captains Eileen Norris, senior, and Amy Blue, sophomore, spent a large chunk of the season on the sidelines watching their teammates cross the finishline. Their absence on the course due to injury played a pivotal role in the outcome of the season.

"A somewhat large part of the team was injured," Blue said. "I think during the season everybody was injured at least once, and we probably could have used the points from the injured people."

Injuries put emphasis on the team to battle adversity. Even when they weren't able to run, they appreciated what their teammates were going through and supported them, knowing that eventually they'd be running and would be in need of support.

Crossing the Line

Balanced team paves way for fourth place finish at Sectionals and eighth straight Regional appearance

Homecoming Float "Our gun for our tank was a big carpet roll, so we went to get it in Bob's (Yamtich, senior) truck," Shaun Blue, junior, said. "The roll was coming out of Bob's truck and took so much space up that we had to climb in through the windows and hold the roll."

Team Expectations "Most teams like Lake Central and Bishop Noll knew they were going to semistate," Chris Koschnitzky, sophomore, said. "We went farther than people expected."

Most Improved "The most improved runner was Kyle Hathaway, (sophomore)," Coach Aaron Brown, WWMS teacher, said. "If you compare his times from last year at certain races and this year at the same races, he improved dramatically." Underclassmen played a big part in this season's team because of only two seniors.

Injuries Injuries haunted co-captain Shaun Blue, junior, throughout the season. "It hurt for the team because you needed five solid members to win as a team," Blue said. "If you had four you couldn't really do as well as if you had five."

Favorite Race "The Lowell Invite, because it was all downhill and improved our times dramatically," Ryan Beemer, junior, said. "In the second mile you went into some woods and anything could happen in there."

Out of the Ordinary "We kicked a pop can back from Gavitt," co-captain Bob Yamtich, senior, said. "It was like a big soccer game. Also, it was one of the first times we got the freshmen involved."

Team Strength "Many of our guys were the same speed, so we packed up in meets," Phil Santner, junior, said. "It helped us to work off each other. We saw our teammates next to us and it gave us confidence to keep going."

Inspiration "Running with the older guys gave me inspiration to run faster and faster," Robbie Bielawski, freshman, said.

Long Strides

To achieve his best time possible, Bob Yamtich, senior, pushes to help for a team victory. The boys not only helped each other on the course but off as well through building a Homecoming float.

Boys' Cross Country

5-8-1
Conference
4-5

Crown Point, Lake Central, East Chicago
3rd

Gavitt Invitational 4th
Crown Point, Gavitt, Hanover t 3rd
TF South Invitational 5th

Bishop Noll 2nd
Lowell, Calumet, Gavitt
3rd

Gavitt, Griffith 2nd
Lowell Invitational 5th
Calumet, Whiting 1st
Highland Invitational 9th

Clark Invitational 3rd
Conference Meet 4th

Sectionals
4th
Regionals
10th

Who would've believed?

Covered from head to toe in mud, the freshmen slowly emerged from their Little Calumet River mudbath.

After practice the team decided to do a cool down jog. The routine jog quickly turned into the traditional freshman initiation.

"All of us were completely clueless about it. We just thought we were going on a normal run," Robbie Bielawski, freshman, said.

"We told them to take their shoes off and run across the river," Ryan Beemer, junior, said. "Once they got across we told them to roll in the mud or else we'd throw their shoes in."

The freshmen slipped their socks and shoes back on and continued with their jog: wet and cold.





Strong Finish

With a sigh of relief, Phil Santner, junior, enters the chute after a race. "I was normally very tired after the race," Santner said. "Usually my best times were when I was exhausted."



Final Stretch

Showing signs of fatigue, Phil Santner, junior, tries to catch up to his opponent at the Rebel Invite at T. F. South. "Once you got into a good pace, you made goals of who you wanted to pass," Santner said.

Making Good Time

Intently looking at their times, juniors Shaun Blue and Ryan Beemer glare at the paper in Coach Aaron Brown's hands at the Rebel Invite at T.F. South. The team's fifth place finish helped the team get ready for Sectionals, where their fourth place finish advanced them into Regionals.



Boys' Cross Country:
(front row) Jeff Cook, Gadeir Abbas, Mike Ristic, Chris Koznitschsky, Kyle Hathaway, (back row) Phil Santner, Ryan Beemer, Coach Aaron Brown, Bob Yamitch, Shaun Blue

Getting a Head Start

At the sound of the gunshot, the team tries to establish a good pace at the Rebel Invite. They started races slower than their opponents to conserve energy for the stretch run.

on top of their toes

Pom squad places third at Regionals, continues tradition of qualifying for trip to National competition in Orlando, FL

Key Players "Although all of the girls on the squad were very important, we gave special recognition to our captains, Janna Lorenzen, Kelly Vlieg and Jaci Grigsby, for all their hard work and dedication throughout the whole year," Karen Lorenzen, junior, said.

Superstitions "I do not really know if we had had any real superstitions, but Vanilla Ice had just happened to be playing before we danced well," Elizabeth Carton, junior, said.

Best Team Moment "On Senior Night, renamed 'Janna Night', because she was our only senior, we were all sad to see her go but grateful to her for all of her contributions she had made to the squad. She really helped us a lot," Karen Lorenzen, junior, said.

Motto "The judges said, 'Munster, you may take the floor', before we danced. We say, 'Take it? We own it,'" Elizabeth Carton, junior, said.

Pressures "Our biggest pressure was not being our worst enemy. We found ourselves going into competition with ourselves a lot of the time," Coach Leigh Ann Westland said.

"Getting ready for nationals was a lot of pressure, and it was nerve-racking," Carton said.

Team Goal "We had prepared for Nationals for a long time. Our main goal was to go down to Orlando and just perform to the best of our ability," Janna Lorenzen, senior, said.

Odd Fact "We were able to fundraise all of our fees (hotel and airfare) for Nationals, and still buy new J.V. uniforms as well," Coach Westland said.

Big Disappointment "We were disappointed with our scores at Regionals. We felt we deserved a second. The judges' scores seemed more inconsistent than at other competitions," Coach Westland said.

Best Team Moment "We performed our best at the Lake Central invitational. We really came together as a squad and showed spirit," Megan McShane, sophomore, said.

Just Riding Along

While leading the rest of the Poms in the Homecoming parade, the varsity squad looks out at the crowd. The Poms decorated the cars they rode in in school colors to help show school spirit, and to urge others to do the same.



Who would've believed?

Tying twice at two different competitions during the season took Poms by surprise. This never happened in the school's history.

"We had tough competition in our division," Karen Lorenzen, junior, said. "We tied twice with Greenfield Central. Once for second place at the Lake Central Invitational, once for third place at State. Scores usually weren't that close."

The majority of the girls were taken aback by their performance. Even the coach had input on the situation.

"This was the first tie at IHSDTA (Indiana High School Dance Team Association) State," Coach Westland said. According to Coach Westland, getting a third place could be considered an honor.

"We were happy to defend our third place position and the squad hoped to continue success in the season," Captain Janna Lorenzen said.

Warming Up

Concentrating on their warm ups, Pom members Janna Lorenzen, senior, Katie Strempla, sophomore, and Adrienne Lebo, junior, prepare for an after school practice. "The hardest practice consisted of eight hours of dancing in 80 degree weather," Lorenzen said. "That was when we were in Florida preparing for Nationals."

Go Juniors

In hopes of spreading spirit for the Junior Class, Maureen Malungcot, junior, hangs a sign on the fence at the fall Homecoming pep rally. Pom members designed signs to display student's spirit for school.



Keep it Up

At a half time show, the girls strive to show their audience an original routine. "The girls worked hard on the routine, and they did a really good job," Coach Leigh Ann Westland said.



Varsity Poms: (front row) Janna Lorenzen, Ellen Bielawski, Karen Lorenzen, Tiffany Brown (second row) Amy Dungey, Amanda Gore, Christine Patel, Kelly Vitek, Michelle Johnson (third row) Adrienne Lebo, Meredith Nelson, Liz Carton, Megan McShane, Shawna Lawrence, Jaci Grigsby (back row) Julie Kucak, Christine Thayer, Allison Gott, Katie Strempla



JV Poms: (front row) Jenny Lee, Jenny Shike, Amanda Spivey (second row) Katie Gilbert, Julie Sufana, Katy Stine, Maureen Malungcot (third row) Gina Pellagah, Stephanie Zeck, Margie Mask (back row) Jenny Gaskill, Ginger Anthony

Get Up and Cheer

To get the crowd in Merrillville's fieldhouse excited, Kara Argus, senior, cheers on the Boys' Basketball Team. "Nobody was interested because they knew no matter how much they screamed, we'd still lose," Argus said. "It was not the same atmosphere as at most games."

Varsity Cheerleading: (front row) Caroline Miller, Kara Argus, Sarah Nelson, GiA Ghezzi, Kimm Hoge (second row) Emily Magliolia, Sheri Meyers, Brittany Fritzsche, (back row) Kelly Mercer, Angelle Martich



Draw It Up

With paint brushes in hand, juniors Sheri Meyers, Brittany Fritzsche, Emily Magliolia, and Danielle Dellorto create catchy slogans to cheer on the Boys' Basketball Team. "We had very good unity between the squad members," Meyers said.



JV Cheerleading: (front row) Nicole Pellegrino, Kaitlin Kovach, Christie Griffin, (second row) Tiffany Sanders, Danielle Dellorto (back row) Sarah Sands, Julie Valand, Katie Gluck



Freshmen Cheerleading: (front row) Marie Sherwood, Paige Wagner, Kara Williams (second row) Filiz Turan, Stephanie Rosenbaum (back row) Lauren Morelli, Becky Gribble, Jamilyn Clause

Break Dance

Dancing with Mighty the Mustang, Kaitlin Kovach, sophomore, tries to get students excited at the pep rally. The team spent two and a half hours daily perfecting routines.



getting into the groove

Traveling to Disney World in Orlando, FL for national competition among the highlights of the year long season for Cheerleaders

Superstition "Before we went out to compete, we stood in a circle and said a little prayer and wished each other luck," Emily Magliola, junior, said. "We always said whatever happens, happens."

Weakness "I think we were too lazy sometimes," Christie Griffin, junior, said. "We had two and a half hour long practices, but I think we all could've been a lot better if we used our time more efficiently."

Biggest Improvement "Our coaches hired special people from Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) to help with our mounting abilities; that was what we needed help with," Sheri Meyers, junior, said. "With their help, our mounting got much better."

Strength "This was one of the most talented squads to come through Munster High School," Kimm Hoge, senior, said. "We had a lot of tumbling skills. We accomplished mounts that were high skilled that we've never done before."

Best Competition "I think it would be Regionals at the University of Michigan because we got first place," Brittany Fritzsche, junior, said. "It was really special because that qualified us for Nationals and we hit every mount."

Best Competition "Nationals in Florida," Hoge said. "The fact that we were in Florida and Disney World was really special. We met squads from Alaska and other places. It was an honor."

Recognition "I thought the rest of the school should have tried to realize that the Cheerleaders were actually unselfish, we were there to support the teams and our school," Griffin said. "A lot of cheerleading was just painting signs and trying to look cute with our matching ribbons and whatnot. But in reality, we did our best to serve the school and help our teams."

Most Memorable Moment "At regional competition, no mounts fell; we landed all of them," Magliola said. "The crowd's reaction was really amazing. It was the best feeling because we went out there and put in so much hard work."

The Big Dance

During a time out at the Boys' Sectional basketball game in Merrillville's fieldhouse, the cheerleaders lead the crowd in a cheer. In addition to performing at games, the cheerleaders placed 14th at Nationals in Orlando, FL.

Who would've believed?

Mickey Mouse and The Enchanted Kingdom helped make up for the disappointment the Cheerleaders suffered after finishing 14th out of 45 squads in Nationals in Orlando, FL.

"I thought we should have made it to semifinals," Caroline Miller, senior, said. "We finished ninth in our group and you had to finish seventh to advance."

In preparation for the National competition, the cheerleaders spent two and a half hours, six days a week, practicing.

"Before we went there we hit all of our mounts," Brittany Fritzsche, junior, said. "When we got there, our first mount dropped."

Despite a disappointing end to the season, the girls found ways to make the experience positive.

"Nationals made me feel like we really accomplished something," Emily Magliola, junior, said. "We got all the way to Disney World."

Girls Swimming and Diving

(front row) Lisa Koscielski, Lauren Smith, Monica Aldelescu, Christina Guzik, Holly Grunewald, Megan Schutz (second row) Katie Caine, Laurie Zurek, Desiree Royal, Laura Joens, Ariana Rebesco, Sam Watanapongse (third row) Stephanie Kelly, Jori Anderson, Desiree Ballanco, Suzie Bulfer, Jessica Pasator, Becky Drolen, Christie O'Brien, Nicole Farnsley, Betty Hovle, Jenny Johnson (fourth row) Daniella Jaksich, Natalie Bieda, Sheila Rane, Erin DeVries, Jenny Lounsberry, Meaghen Lober, Marisa Joens (back row) Amanda Greenya, Natalie Banas, Jaime Stennis, Sarah Nelson, Jenny Spolnik, Head Coach Tina Schmidt, Coach Mike Stennis, Coach Chuck Chelich



Team Spirit

Shouting cheers across the pool to the rival White Team, the Red Team builds up spirit before the Red and White meet Nov. 12. The intrasquad meet allowed the team to prepare for competitions ahead.



Intense Focus

Focused on making her dive perfect, Sarah Nelson, senior, prepares to plunge into the pool. Sarah placed third at Sectionals and advanced to Regionals. "Our sectional wasn't very competitive," Nelson said. "Once I got to Regionals I didn't even compare to the competition, so it was mostly for fun."



Deep Breath

Quickly gulping air as she breaststrokes across the pool, Sheila Rane, junior, pulls herself through the water hoping to win her race. Swimmers practiced before school at 5:45 a.m. and after school until 5:30 p.m. to build up strength and endurance needed to win meets.

Stretching Back

To earn a few more points for the team, Natalie Bieda, junior, races across the pool in the 100-yard backstroke. Bieda won the 100 Butterfly at Sectionals and advanced to the State meet. "My goals for the season were to go down to State," she said. "I didn't get my best time this season but I still got to go to State."





HEADS ABOVE WATER

Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving

8-7
Conference
6-1

Red/White Intrasquad
White 90-89
Penn 51-135
LaPorte 119-67
Highland 130-50
Lowell 101-84
Griffith 103-83
Valparaiso 66-120
Elkhart Central 117-73
Portage 84-102
Lake Central 41-125
Highland Invitational
6th
Crown Point 89-97
LAC Conference 1st
Gavit 54-46
Hammond 94-4
Merrillville 88-98
Calumet 136-50
Chesterton 57-131

Sectionals
1st

Girls JV Swimming

2-2
Conference
1-0

Highland 62-18
Lake Central 31-149
Crown Point 89-97
9/10 Conference 1st

Lady Seahorses complete first season under new coaching staff, winning Conference, Sectional championships

Best Meet "Sectionals were by far the best," Natalie Bieda, junior, said. "If there was one year Highland could have beaten us, it would have been this year. We knew we couldn't mess around. We just took it easy Thursday night (at preliminaries), just getting ourselves into the finals. Highland was seeded first in almost all the events on Saturday (at finals), so they thought they could win everything. But we placed first and second in every event and we just killed them, we crushed them."

Strength "Our strength was our depth," Jenny Lounsberry, junior, said. "Like in Conference, Highland won almost all the events but we had several people finish high in every event. We got a whole bunch of points where they only got a few because they only had one person who placed."

Diving "Overall, we had a great season, although our record may not show it," diver Sarah Nelson, senior, said. "We were both Conference and Sectional champions due to everyone's hard work and improvement throughout the season."

New Coaches "I thought they were excellent," Lounsberry said. "That was the best-coached team I've ever been on in my life. They had a different way of coaching. They made us weight train a lot more than we have in the past and they gave us really hard distance workouts."

"They were really good coaches," Nicole Farnsley, sophomore, said. "They really pushed us by working us hard and they made us really tired sometimes, but they got us to do things we didn't think we could have done."

State Meet "It was kind of intimidating," Christina Guzik, freshman, said, "because we were around all these girls and they were all really fast and they were the best in the state. This year was just kind of seeing what we could do and what we need to do to go even further next year."

Coach's Perspective "Coming in as new coaches, we needed to build a base to work from for the next few years," Head Coach Tina Schmidt said. "We were looking to build a team. We had a good base, but then we had to build a team."

Team Unity "You really need support from other people to make it through a hard set at practice," Farnsley said. "At meets, our coaches really got us up and going, and our teammates were always cheering us on."

Who would've believed?

Looking up at the scoreboard, Natalie Bieda, junior, squealed in celebration of her Sectional victory.

"I just looked up and was like, 'Oh, my gosh,'" Bieda said. "When I saw that I had won, I just started screaming and jumping around."

The Girls Swim Team shared her excitement about their Sectional title. Qualifying seven swimmers for the state meet and beating rival Highland only added to the accomplishment.

"It felt really great," Nicole Farnsley, sophomore, said, "because there was a lot of competition this year and it was hard to win."

The Sectional victory resulted from the team's mental focus and hard work throughout the season.

"It was the best meet of my life," Christina Guzik, freshman, said. "I got my personal best times and basically everyone else did too. Everyone had been working really hard all season, and it finally really paid off in the end."

Within Reach

With his head shaven for the State meet, David Ahlf, sophomore, gets out of the water after a long practice. Ahlf earned a place on the State team while still a sophomore.



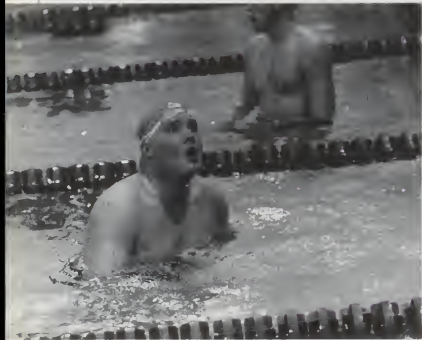
Flipping Out

Stretching into form, diver Andy Saliga, junior, jumps off the 10 meter diving board during practice. To keep from getting in the way of the swimmers, the divers got their own lane.



Time Check

With his relay completed, Todd Watson, senior, checks to see how he placed among the eight swimmers in the pool. Watson and five other seniors led the team to their fourth place ranking at State.



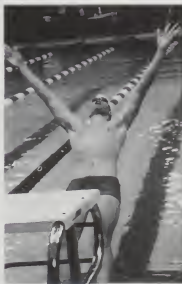
Boys' Swimming and Diving
(front row) Kyle Bieda, Matt Mikels, Brad Farnsley, Steve Chovanec (second row) Mike Mirabelli, Dustin Thompson, Sean Greenya, Mike Panich, Josh Alcalá, Kyle Wilbanks (third row) Dan Aldulescu, Haig Huynh, Steve Kuchar, Joe Born, Mike Piorkowski, Matt Ibarra, Jim Rebesco, Jim Hamblin, Steve Bembinista (fourth row) Chris Newcomb, Andy Saliga, Dennis Trelenski, Matt Norby, Kyle Hayes, Rich Sun, Coach Chuck Chelich, Asst. Coach Brendan McCarthy (back row) Dan Maurer, Jeff Lee, John Parr, Todd Watson, Ryan Pociask, Greg Bugis, Head Coach Mike Blaze



Leap of Faith

With eyes focused on the ceiling, captain Jeff Lee, senior, pushes off

preparing to practice his backstroke. Lee earned a scholarship to the University of Southern California.



Climbing to the Top

Boys' Varsity Swimming and Diving

9-3
Conference
3-0

Penn 84-108
Munster Relays 2nd
Valparaiso 99-87
Elkhart Central 109-73
Portage 101-85
Peoria Invitational 2nd
Highland Invitational
3rd

Lake Central 88-98
Griffith 116-69
Crown Point 121-65
Merrillville 125-60
LAC Conference 1st
Calumet 97-83
Chesterton 90-96
LaPorte 128-58
Highland 122-63

Sectionals
1st

State
4th

Boys' JV Swimming

0-1

Lake Central 74.5-101.5
9/10 Conference 1st

Seahorses continue winning tradition with new coach taking Conference, Sectionals; earn fourth place at State meet

Tradition "Getting haircuts and dying our hair had always been fun because we knew we would just have to shave it for Sectionals anyways," Jeff Lee, senior, said. "It showed that we had team unity."

Superstitions "On away meets we would take a bottle of our pool water and dump it in theirs before every meet," Lee said.

Getting in Shape The team had a special method for getting in shape. "For Sectionals we tapered; this was a method in which we increased our yardage and then decreased it so we could conserve all our energy for Sectionals," John Parr, senior, said.

New Coach "I was used to playing under Coach Davis until this year, but if I had to choose a replacement I would definitely have chosen Coach Blaze," Greg Bugyis, senior, said.

"Swimming for Mr. Blaze is a lot different," Joe Born, junior, said. "He used updated technology, and wasn't as traditional as Mr. Davis."

Team Unity Each swimmer received a red hat at the beginning of the season. Not all of the members, however, wore the hat to show support. "I just wore the hat to keep myself from getting sick," Dan Aldulescu, junior, said.

Other swimmers did not wear them for health reasons. "I wore my hat to support the team and show our unity," Lee said.

Best Meet "Our best meet was against Lake Central," Parr said. "They didn't expect us to do as well as we did, but unfortunately we still lost by ten. They were a really tough team to play against. Their coach had to pull their kids out of the water a few times to talk, and that was never good when something like that happened."

Cutting it Close

Careful not to nick his head, Joe Born, junior, shaves his head to decrease time for Sectionals. "This was the first year that I had to shave my head," Born said. "It was something I looked forward to doing because I knew I had gotten somewhere."

"Our best meet was with Lake Central," Mike Mirabelli, sophomore, said. "I was happy we finished as close as we did."

Goals "I expected the team to be competitive at State, and I worked on getting more depth in the team so we don't rely on a few players," Coach Mike Blaze said.

Who would've believed?

After a quick glance at the scoreboard, Jeff Lee, senior, realized he not only placed first in his two events at State, but he had just broken the State record for one of them. Jeff placed first in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle.

Lee broke the record in the 200 meter freestyle, breaking the old record by seven-tenths of a second.

Dustin Thompson, sophomore, joined alongside Jeff, winning first in his event, the 500 meter freestyle.

Thompson, also winning in his event at the meet, swam fast enough to make the time cut for the Junior Nationals, the level underneath Senior Nationals, which took place at the end of March.

"I had been swimming since I was eight years old, so all of my work has really paid off," Thompson said.

"I was really happy because then I went to Senior Nationals," Lee said. "Senior Nationals was the level right below the Olympics."

Meet and Greet

To run the zone offense, Stephanie Gill, junior, passes the ball around while Margaret Schaum, junior,

moves past a Portage opponent. The Lady Mustangs defeated the tenth-ranked Lady Indians 46-42.

Break Time

Taking a short rest, juniors Lauren Pestikas, Kylie Wallace, Amanda Salinas, Susan Hay and Michelle DiCostanzo watch their teammates' action on the court.



Words of Wisdom

Surrounded by his team, head coach Greg Luksich, Wilbur Wright teacher, discusses the game plan during a time out.



Girls' Varsity Basketball: (front row) Kiley Wallace, Lauren Pestikas, Amanda Salinas, Margaret Schaum, Jillian Martin (second row) manager Patti Pfister, Assistant Coach Aaron Brown, Stephanie Gill, Stacey Smith, Michelle DiCostanzo, Kassy Pawlowicz, Head Coach Greg Luksich (back row) Susan Hay, Rachel Merrell, Danielle Zagorski



Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball: (front row) Chrissy DiCostanzo, Jaimie Rosko, Lisa Pleitner, Carolyn Marinier, Stephanie Schrage (back row) Marisa Renwald, Amber LaReau, Jessica Wilson, coach Beth Vesa, Brandy Zukanovich, Demetra Marinos, Angela Meyers

Winter Sports





ABOVE THE REST

Varsity Girls' Basketball

19-4
Conference
11-1

Kankakee Valley 57-35
Elkhart Central 50-39
Highland 45-27
Crown Point 48-49
Andean 51-54
Lowell 63-39
Morton 51-36
Portage 46-42
Andean 64-65
Penn 34-29
Clark 65-23
Hammond 54-38
Merrillville 62-55
Bishop Noll 66-40
Lake Central 53 52
Gavit 59-29
Griffith 50-39
Lake Station 68-23
Whiting 78-27
Calumet 73-22

Sectionals

Lowell 58-44
Crown Point 48-41
Highland 37-51

JV Basketball

13-5
Conference Record
10-2

Kankakee Valley 38-25
Elkhart Central 32-29
Highland 37-34
Crown Point 17-36
Andean 35-36
Lowell 37-30
Morton 44-23
Portage 27-28
Clark 42-19
Hammond 41-24
Merrillville 41-34
Bishop Noll 48-36
Lake Central 20-40
Gavit 46-22
Griffith 37-40
Lake Station 51-13
Calumet 40-16
Whiting 31-19

With goals in mind, Lady Mustangs work towards first Conference title in 10 years, fall short in Sectional championship

Team Goals "To win conference, and we did. To win sectionals, and we almost did, we were runner up. And to win 18 or more games, we ended up 19-4," Coach Greg Luksich, Wilbur Wright teacher, said.

Mottos "There isn't anything that can defeat us except for, of course, ourselves," Rachel Merkell, junior, said.

"Offense wins games, defense wins championships," Coach Greg Luksich said. "We tried to stress better defense."

Biggest Strength "We were a quick team," Stephanie Gill, sophomore, said. "There wasn't one player that couldn't get down the court, our posts were just as quick as our guards. Rachel (Merkell, junior) tied the record for most steals in a game with 10, and she's a post player. You don't see that on many, if any, other teams."

Biggest Weakness "Our only weakness was ourselves," Merkell said. "If someone was having a bad day, they'd get down on themselves, and as we all know, attitudes are contagious."

"We don't have just one dominant player," Stephanie Gill, junior, said. "It makes it harder for other teams because they can't key in on just one player and let up on someone else. They have four other players to worry about, too."

"We weren't exactly a tall team," Margaret Schaum, junior, said. "We were kind of short compared to some of the other teams, but our posts were tough and did a great job on the taller girls."

Biggest Improvement "Defense," Gill said. "It was something that was always a weakness, but we really stepped up. Also, even though we didn't have the size we did in the past, our posts were more dominant this year."

Best Game "The sectional game versus Crown Point," Merkell said. "We proved that we could play with them and that the first game, when we lost by one point in overtime, was no fluke."

Rising High

Before shooting above her Calumet opponent, Michelle DiCostanzo (54), junior, glances at the basket.

Who would've believed?

The Lady Mustangs decided that to prep for big games, they needed big competition. While the first half of the season encompassed tough opposition, the second half of the season consisted of a lighter schedule. The girls knew they needed a better challenge for Sectionals.

Preparations called for a Merkell, a few friends and the Boys' Freshmen Basketball Team. However, the Merkell was not starting post player Rachel, junior, but her brother Erik, senior. After playing two to three times a week, the girls noticed the positive effects the boys brought to their game.

"Schrimming them allowed us to practice as a team," Susan Hay, junior, said. "They helped a lot, we really improved from it."

The boys not only were behind the girls on the court, but off the court as well.

"The guys came to our games too," Amanda Salinas, junior, said. "Steve (Weck, junior) and Scott (Clark, senior) even led the 'De-Fense' cheer at our games. They were always there for us, we really appreciated it."

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Girls' Basketball

ABOVE THE REST

continued

Best Team Moment "The end of our season because we really began to get a huge fan crowd," Amanda Salinas, junior, said. "And Margaret's (Schaum, junior) last second lay up to beat Lake Central."

"Susan (Hay) hitting all of her shots, 8 of 8 from the field and 4 of 4 from the line against Lake Station," Coach Luksich said. "And Steph (Gill) hitting five 3's against Crown Point in Sectionals."

Biggest Disappointment "Watching Highland cut down the nets after they beat us in the Sectional championship," Stacey Smith, senior, said. "We tied them and Andrean for the Conference title, and when they won, they cut down the nets. We didn't cut down our nets because we were going to wait until Sectionals."

Team Rituals "Making money off a tip cup from the concessions that we worked at the boys games," Merkell said. "We used the money to buy bagels for Saturday morning practices."

"Our 10 hour practice the day before sectionals," Salinas said. "Well it wasn't 10 hours, but it seemed like it."

"Listening to the songs 'Eye of the Tiger,' 'Be Like Mike,' and 'Call Me Al,' before every big game," Hay said.

"We always sat at the same place on the bus," Stephanie Gill, junior, said. We didn't mean to, but we just did without realizing it."

Bonding "Going to the guys varsity games," Schaum said. "A lot of us spelled out MUSTANGS with shirts. Also karaoke night at Stacey's (Smith,) and Dinner at Sue's (Hay) before Sectionals."

Odd Facts "The team broke records for most points and the most field goals scored in one season," Coach Greg Luksich said. "We placed four players on the All-Conference teams- two on first team (Hay and Gill,) one on second team (Merkell,) and one honorable mention (Salinas.)"

"We tied the record for most wins in one season with 19," Smith said. "But our season record was 17-3. What most people didn't realize was that we were only five points away from having an undefeated, 20 win season; To think that we were two one-point overtime losses and one three-point loss away from breaking that record was upsetting. It was right there in front of us for the taking, everytime."

Boxed Out

Fighting for position against her defender, Danielle Zagorski (20), sophomore, waits to grab the rebound. Zagorski joined Cassy Pawlowicz as the two sophomores chosen to play both JV and Varsity.

**Girls'
Freshman
Basketball**
5-10
Conference Record
3-6

Highland 15-45
Hobart 29-24
Andrean 21-27
Lowell 26-20
Merrillville 14-17
Crown Point 21-40
Morton 41-13
Hammond 28-33
Gavit 21-41
Lake Central 16-41
Griffith 34-24
West Side 28-39
Portage 28-23
Whiting 17-28
Highland 15-25



And One

Preparing to shoot a free throw, Margaret Schaum, junior, keeps eyes on the basket and focuses on her form while Susan Hay (11), junior, watches from mid-court.



Open Arms

To defend the ball against Lake Station, Rachel Merkell (51), junior, tries to deny a pass inside. According to Merkell, defense ranked as one of the team's biggest improvements.

Girls' Freshman Basketball: (front row) Julie Spear, Lisa Newcomb, Jamie Clause, Marissa Riechers, Ashley Jasevicius (second row) manager Krystle Montella, Stephanie Davis, Katie O'Block, Erin Kolb, Karen Lindmann, coach Jenniter Luksich (back row) Leah Majszak, Marisa Saucedo, Lauren Ziemba



Held Up

Under the basket, Stacey Smith (12), senior, focuses on the hoop before taking the ball up on Senior Night against Calumet. "It was weird seeing just my name on all the signs and decorations," Smith said. "That was the only time when I felt like I was the only senior or singled out."

On the Move

Driving down the court, Aaron Jillson (32), junior, tries to out-manuever his opponent. Jillson, a co-captain, demonstrated leadership with his performance.

Catch Sight

Dribbling towards the basket, Ryan McMahan (22), keeps an eye on his opponent. Even as the youngest player on the team, McMahan, sophomore, helped his team to victories throughout the season.

Listen Up

On the bench, Coach David Knish plans strategies with the team. "There was closeness, our togetherness was our strength," Knish said.



Boys' Varsity Basketball: (front row) Greg Hedges, John Richey, Steve Weck, Josh Bochnowski, David Luptak, Ryan Beemer, Steve Ciric, Jason Turner (second row) Assistant Coach Jim Prasopoulos, Eric Olton, Ed Strbjak, Pete Dennis, Mark Shearman, Brian Jablonski, Coach David Knish, Jim Davidson, Assistant Coach Mike Coil (back row) Ryan McMahan, Aaron Jillson, Milosh Stojanovic, Steve Pesich



Boys' JV Basketball: (front row) Mike Anthony, Tom Royal, Ryan Beemer, Blake Larkins, (second row) Ed Strbjak, Mio Jankovic, Andy Rebar, Steve Ciric, J.E. Anthony, Nick Varinac, Coach Mike Coil (back row) Bill Bosak, Mike Boyle, Asim Sherif, Ben Stolarz

ON THE BALL

Boys' Varsity Basketball

10-11

Conference Record
8-4

Merrillville 45-53

Lowell 49-43

Morton 53-45

Highland 74-78

Griffith 68-66

Clark 76-53

Lake Central 47-63

Bishop Noll 57-47

Crown Point 70-73

Gavit 61-51

Chesterton 48-70

Griffith 81-75

Hammond High 71-82

Lake Station 62-64

Whiting 54-47

Calumet 88-67

Highland 51-52

Portage 39-56

Hobart 75-54

Andrean 62-77

Sectionals

Crown Point 47-74

In a season full of surprises, Boys' Basketball Team defeats rival Griffith in triple overtime, falls short of Conference, Sectional goals

Key Players "Aaron Jillson was probably the best overall," Coach David Knish, said. "He had an outstanding year and did a lot of good things for us on the court. He was averaging twenty two to twenty six points a game. John Richey showed a lot of promise, he was our leading rebounder. All of them stepped up at any given time."

"Aaron Jillson, junior, and Mark Shearman, senior, were key players because they made key contributions to the outcome of the game," Ryan McMahan, sophomore, said.

"Aaron Jillson and Mark Shearman were the leaders of our team, they showed us the way into battle," Peter Dennis, senior, said. "John Richey because he was our leading rebounder, he was a physical player and one of our leaders."

Greatest Strength "Morton, our first home game and our first time to show everybody what we got," Ryan Beemer, junior, said.

Biggest Weakness "Our biggest weakness was that we weren't as big as other teams," Coach David Knish, said. "Physically we were smaller, so we crossed our fingers and hoped mother nature would take care of it. Overall size and strength was something we had to overcome."

Best Moment "Beating Griffith was the highlight of the season," Mark Shearman, senior, said. "and when our trainer, Greg Hedges, senior, hit a three pointer on senior night. Those were some of our biggest moments right there."

"We blew a fifteen point lead at one point against Bishop Noll," Steve Ciric, junior, said. "Steve Weck, junior, shot a buzzer shot and won the game. Instead of losing it we came up strong and ended up winning it."

Season Summary "It was a pretty fun season, I would remember it for the rest of my

Deep Focus

life," Mark Shearman, senior, said. "I would like to say thanks to my cheering section and give them recognition and wish the team good luck for next year."

Ready to take a shot, John Richey, junior, tries to sink the ball past his opponent. Richey achieved the accomplishment of leading rebounder.

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Who would've believed?

Loud shouts emerged from the fieldhouse. Packed with people, the room shook with excitement as the team charged down the court. The buzzer sounded, but the game hadn't ended.

"When I had a shot in the first overtime and I missed," Aaron Jillson, junior said. "I thought that I had lost the game for us."

Jillson scored forty-five points and the team closed the game with a score of 81-75 in triple overtime.

"The best moment was when we knew we had it in the bag," Jillson said. "I knew we weren't going to play any more when that buzzer sounded, because we previously thought it was ours and they came back and I didn't know when it was going to end, it felt like it was going on forever. It was a good feeling knowing that we won a big game."

The fieldhouse rang out with cheers from people in the stands, as well as the team. They started the game with hopes of a win to complete their record of being undefeated, and they accomplished their goal.

Looking Forward

In order to pass the ball, Josh Bochnowski (24) looks for an open teammate. "We turned heads," Bochnowski said.

Team Spirit

To encourage teammates, juniors Steve Weck, Milosh Stojanovic, Ryan Beemer, Josh Bochnowski, seniors Pete Dennis and Mark Shearman and Coach David Knish leap off the bench.



Boys' Freshman Basketball: (front row) Jason Turner, Mike Vrabel, Kurt Keil, David Hansen, Louis Mazza, Brian Stier, Matt Nierengarten (second row) Coach Eric Olton, Phil Sajin, Josh Lipton, Doug Quasny, Elliott Gibbs, Teruo Toyama, Coach Jim Prasopoulos (third row) Danny Chambers, Brian Young, David Dausch, George Colakovic (fourth row) Corey Newman, Tommy Clark, Kevin Kutansky, Mike Rosen, Allen Hill



All Heads Together

Against Crown Point, the JV team huddles up, psyching themselves to gain strength from each other. "We really bonded," Steve Ciric said.

Hoop Dreams

As he leaps, captain Mark Shearman (42), tries to out rebound his opponent. Mark started in the center position each game for the varsity team.





ON THE BALL

continued

Boys' JV Basketball

10-10
Conference
8-4

Merrillville 46-53
Lowell 34-39
Morton 60-49
Highland 35-57
Griffith 40-39
Clark 47-22
Lake Central 37-40
Bishop Noll 31-30
Crown Point 40-28
Cavit 50-51
Chesterton 33-44
Griffith 32-29
Hammond 47-44
Lake Station 59-30
Calumet 53-30
Whiting 41-16
Portage 33-24
Highland 24-50
Hobart 32-47
Andean 36-65

Boys' Freshman Basketball

17-2

Merrillville 39-31
Valparaiso 53-56
Lowell 46-24
Morton 31-11
Hobart 41-16
Bishop Noll 53-33
Lake Central 34-42
Griffith 53-30
Portage 45-38
Hammond 49-47
Lake Station 38-16
Crown Point 55-34
Clark 58-30
Calumet 43-38
Highland 55-29
Andean 52-25
E.C. Central 40-37

Most Improved Player "We had so many young kids coming from JV," Coach David Knish, said. "If you look at how the season went, Pete Dennis (senior,) did not have a lot of playing time but he improved his skills greatly. Mark Shearman (senior,) worked hard in the weight room and on the court. He used his God given talents."

Outstanding Moments "When our water boy hit a three pointer in the game, he was a senior and never got to play," John Richey, junior, said. "This was his only chance and he swished a three."

"I enjoyed my own cheering section, my friends holding the sign up that said 'tank'," Shearman said. "Seeing those guys holding up the sign would always stand out in my mind. Also when Greg Hedges (senior,) shot the three pointer against Hobart."

Worst Moment "When we lost first round sectionals because it was the last basketball game I will play," Peter Dennis, senior, said. "We thought we were going to win. It was a heartbreaking moment. We were focused on the game and we had had a good practice."

Pressures "Parent pressure, peer pressure, going down the hallways after we lost and facing everybody," Dennis said. "Everyone would talk about how we should've won. Players and coaches would get down. When everybody got down it was hard to get back up."

"People picked us to be the bottom of the totem pole, the underdogs," Shearman said. "I guess the pressure was to prove everyone wrong and try to make a name for ourselves."

Biggest Rival "Griffith, that's the team who always made it a good game for us by pushing us to our limits," Ryan Beemer, junior, said.

Munster vs. Competition "I think we had great kids, they listen and work hard," Coach David Knish, said. "It depends how bad you want it in order to be better than the competition. It's how bad you want to be better that determines how hard you work. It's an individual question. They have to look in their heart. If the talent is the same it's just how hard you're willing to work."

Munster vs. Griffith "The worst moment was when Mark Shearman got a rebound and traveled because it gave them another chance to win the game," Ryan McMahan, sophomore, said.

Whipped Warrior

With his Calumet opponent down, Marc Stojkovich, junior, takes control of the match. "The spark plug of the team was Stojk," Head Varsity Coach Jim Colias, WWMS teacher, said. "He got very emotional and got everyone ready to wrestle their hardest."

Taking a Tumble

Valiantly attempting to take down his Lake Station opponent, Kevin Higgins, sophomore, works for the pin. "I followed the example of Chi Azodo (senior) who taught me how to be a winning wrestler," Kevin Higgins, sophomore, said. Higgins finished the season 22-3.



Varsity Wrestling: (front row) James Pavisian, Tim Knight, Steven Steele, Joshua Bradish, Jon Wendell, Tom Lee, James Olaosebikan, Gadier Abbas, (second row) Tim Hunt, Mike Cronin, Joe Flores, Dennis Lowe, Kevin Higgins, Chi Azodo, Marc Stojkovich, Chris Hunt, Jim Mroz, Bilal Omery, (third row) Assistant Coach Dan Gelarden, Nicholas Kikolas, Jack Dillon, Shaun Blue, Bob Yamtich, Jay Korczak, Steve Kibler, Dan Mize, Ashraf Abu-Aita, Head Coach Jim Colias, Assistant Coach Brian Clark, (back row) Dave Dziubczynski, Dave Wendell, Brian Lerner, Jimmy Howard, Bill Mucha, Josh Sudbury, Tomio Toyama, Keith Hyland, Eric Yytri, Chris Koschnitzky, Pat Aerts, Tim Webb



Close Call

As the referee gets into position, Steve Kibler, junior, attempts to escape from his opponent's headlock. "Strength was a big weakness because the teams that beat us seemed to be a little stronger than we were," Keith Hyland, senior, said.

Strategic Move

While watching another match, Head Varsity Coach Jim Colias, WWMS teacher, and Chi Azodo, senior, discuss strategies. Azodo advanced to Semi-State and lead the team to a 14-6 Conference record, along with a third place finish at the Team Conference meet.



STUCK IN THE SQUEEZE

Wrestling

14-6
Conference
10-5

Highland 24-52
Calumet 17-55
Bishop Noll 35-24
Lake Station 58-16
Griffith 62-6
Boone Grove 50-16
Lowell 21-43
Andrean 55-18
Kankakee Valley 53-15
Lake Central 24-47
Gavit 49-20
Whiting 76-0
Boone Grove 55-9
Hanover Central 74-6
Clark 72-3
Lowell 19-52
Whiting 78-6
Bishop Noll 46-22
Calumet 23-32
Lake Station 52-21

Sectionals
4th

Five wrestlers qualify for Regionals, two for Semi-State, but team fails to advance past Sectionals ending season at 14-6

Team Strengths "Our biggest strength was that we had a core of guys willing to come in everyday and work hard so we could win," Bob Yamtich, senior, said. "There were a lot of guys who loved wrestling."

"We had a couple of standout wrestlers, but all of our wrestlers had good character," Keith Hyland, senior, said. "Everyone was tough and everyone did their job." Hyland finished the season 20-16.

"Everybody was hard-nosed," Chi Azodo, senior, said. "We weren't too talented as a team, but we were a bunch of scrappers."

Best Meet "We lost to Calumet in the semi-finals of Team Conference," Head Coach Jim Colias, WWMS teacher, said. "We hadn't beat them in 22 years, my junior year. We were beating them the entire meet, and whoever won the heavyweight match won the meet. Unfortunately, Josh (Sudbury, junior), who wrestled a great match, couldn't pull it off." They lost to Calumet 32-23, but recovered to beat Lake Station in the consolation match to finish third.

Best Team Moment "The dual meet against Calumet at Team Conference, even though I lost the last match," Sudbury said. "Everyone was pulling for each other and we felt more like a team than ever before." Sudbury helped the team achieve a 14-6 overall record.

Leadership "Chi Azodo, Keith Hyland and Bob Yamtich were our captains," Coach Colias said. "They were solid all year for us and set an example for kids on how to do things right. They also added stability and good leadership."

Emotions "It was all in the head and all in the heart," Marc Stojkovich, junior, said. "Wrestling took every inch of your body. The only way to do anything was with emotion and give everything you had." Stojkovich finished 24-8 with 13 pins.

Most Improved "Josh Sudbury, because I saw a change at the Munster Super Duals," Yamtich said. "He was like a whole another person. He was suddenly a different wrestler, and it seemed like things just started to click." Sudbury finished the season at 26-11 and advanced to Semi-State.

Pressures "Being a captain, I had the pressure to wrestle by example," Hyland said. "I made sure I wrestled my hardest, because everyone looked at the captains to set an example."

Who would've believed?

Heaping piles of pizza, fried chicken and pasta filled the tables, and within a few minutes, they had vanished. Undaunted, Shaun Blue, junior, went back and loaded more food onto his plate.

The team arrived at Shakey's at 6:30 p.m. to start their annual Pig-Out party. Blue had his own strategy on how to come out victorious.

"The secret was drinking a lot of water, but I still had like four plates of food," Blue said. "I thoroughly enjoyed it, but it made me really sick."

Returning from the restaurant, the wrestlers went for the final weigh-in. Blue earned the title by increasing his weight eight pounds from 153.5 to 161.5.

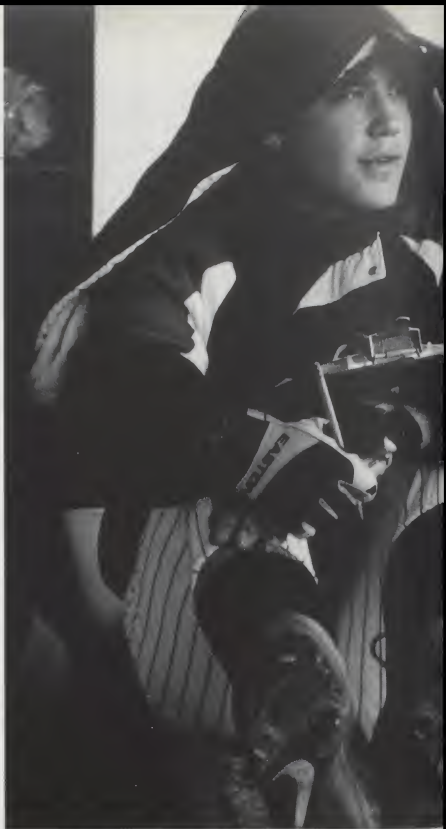
After weighing in, the eating caught up on them.

"After we weighed in, there was a rush for the stalls," Chris Hunt, junior, said.

Keeping Track

Watching the action intently, Ryan Bulan, junior, waits for action to take place as he keeps stats. "Our biggest concern at the beginning of the season was definitely our bats, but they came alive later on," Bulan said.

Varsity Baseball: (front row) Ron Barkowski, Mike Baniak, Marc Stojkovich, John Premetz, (second row) Ryan Bulan, Jon Nourie, Josh Bochnowski, John Hanrahan, Dave Luptak, (back row) Jason Cielinski, Dan Schmid, Jeremy Newman, Jason Helbling, Adam Noel, Grant Duncan



Strong Unit

Before beginning the inning, Jeremy Newman, senior, and juniors Dave Luptak, John Premetz, Jason Helbling, and Josh Bochnowski greet at the mound with a highfive with their mitts. Newman, Helbling, and Adam Noel, senior, led the Mustangs with four home runs each.



JV Baseball: (front row) Joe Mack, Tom Roval, Mike Mirabelli, Jay Korcak, (second row) Jon Depa, David Mlodecki, Joe Rybicki, Matt Koscielski, Chris Baut, (back row) John Pesich, Brian Balkam, Brad Clark, Mark Obszanski, JE Anthony, Steve Mendoza



worth the wait

Young squad sets school scoring record with 28 runs
— in one game during season filled with wins —

Varsity Baseball

20-9
Conference
8-4

River Forest 28-1
Griffith 2-5
T.F. South 1-3
Valparaiso 0-3
Lowell 3-2
North Newton 22-0
Morton 12-0
Clark 4-0
Boone Grove 8-3
Bishop Noll 0-2
Kankakee Valley 2-6
Hobart 5-4
Gavit 4-3
Griffith 2-5
Hammond 7-2
Lake Station 12-0
Whiting 12-1
Calumet 6-2
Highland 2-3
Andrean 6-7
Lake Central 9-3
Gary West Side 12-2
Crown Point 12-2
Whiting 14-1
Hammond 22-0
Griffith 3-5
Andrean 6-2
Portage 4-3
Chesterton 10-4
Merrillville

Sectionals

Highland 3-7

Best game The Kankakee Valley game in the Mustang Classic: "That was one of the hardest played ball games that I have seen us play this year," Coach Bob Shinkan, geometry teacher, said. "We had opportunities in the 5th, 8th, 9th, and 10th innings. We had runners in scoring position; they just made the plays when we put the ball in play."

Strengths "Pitching was our strength because it carried us," Ron Barkowski, said. "Our pitching always kept us in the game."

"Our pitchers have really given us great performances this year and Dan Schmid did a great job behind the plate," John Ianrahan, junior, said. "Also, we had been playing with each other since we were about 11 or 12, so we all knew each other and knew how to function as a team."

Worst Loss "Highland, because they were our arch-rival and it was a big conference game for us," Barkowski said. "It had a huge outcome on the seedings for the Conference tournament."

Weakness "At the beginning of the season it was hitting, but later in the season it was walks and errors," Grant Duncan, senior, said.

Worst Loss "The second loss to Griffith was our worst loss, because we made a lot of mental mistakes in the field and our hitting didn't come through at the right times," John Premetz, junior, said.

Best Win "Hammond, because we gelled as a team because our hitting and pitching came together in a big way and we were very solid defensively," Jason Helbling, junior, said.

Leadership "The seniors, especially Schmid, because he really stepped up this year and proved himself to be one of the best catchers in the area," Dave Luptak, junior, said.

Ritual "We had (Dan) Schmid, (senior), yell out 'one, two, three,' and we all gave a big 'STANGS,'" Luptak said. "I also liked to follow that up with a little hoopin' or hollerin' to give myself that extra rush as I went out onto the field."

Arising Suspicion

In a meeting by home plate, Head Coach Bob Shinkan, geometry teacher, talks about the ground rules with the home plate and base umpire and Lake Station's coach. Coach Shinkan led his young team filled mostly with juniors to a 20-win season.

Improvement "At the plate we became more aggressive and in our pitching we have become outstanding," Premetz, said.

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Who would've believed?

Two slices of bread, a few globs of peanut butter and the spreading of grape jelly provided more than a quick snack for two MHS baseball players before they stepped onto the field before games.

One day before a game, Jason Helbling, junior, pulled out an appetizing peanut butter and jelly sandwich and began to eat. Grant Duncan, senior, asked for a bite and Helbling gave him half of the sandwich. After a win the two realized a new tradition had been born. "It was superstitious because we won our first seven or eight when we started doing it," Duncan said. "We continued doing it even though we lost a few."

After their first loss, Helbling thought about changing the type of jelly on the sandwich. The two continued to use peanut butter for a reason. "My mom just started making it and it was easier to rip apart and give to Grant," Helbling said.

A small pre-game snack paved the road to a hot streak and a 20-win season

worth the wait

continued

Best Game "After we took a one-run lead over Portage in the sixth inning, they loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh with nobody out," Mike Baniak, junior, said. "Ryan Bulan, (junior), then proceeded to strike out their fourth, fifth and sixth hitters in order to win the game. It was an incredible performance."

Key Players "Throughout the year all of the players had been key at one point or another during the season," Premetz said. "We always picked up each other and everyone has known their role."

Unusual Fact "It was alright being a sophomore, but it stunk when I had to bring out equipment," Mike Mirabelli, sophomore, said. "I was the only underclassman so I had to bring everything out."

Hardest Practice "Before our big games were the hardest practices because we were always getting prepared mentally and physically," Premetz said. "We always tried to relax and play our hardest every practice and every game."

Honors Players named to First Team All-Conference: outfielder Marc Stojkovich, junior; third baseman Jeremy Newman, senior; and pitcher Jason Helbling, junior. Players named to Second Team All-Conference: pitcher Jon Nourie, junior. Players named Honorable Mention All-Conference: catcher Dan Schmid, senior; second baseman John Premetz, junior; designated hitter Mike Baniak, junior.

Unusual Fact "We had one of the most dominant and consistent pitching staffs in the Conference," Baniak said. "We had three guys (Helbling, Newman, and Adam Noel, senior) hit four home runs."

Key players: "I think that what made us a strong team was the fact that we did not have one single player who brought us our wins alone," Hanrahan said. "When we won games, it usually was because the entire team as a whole contributed to the win."

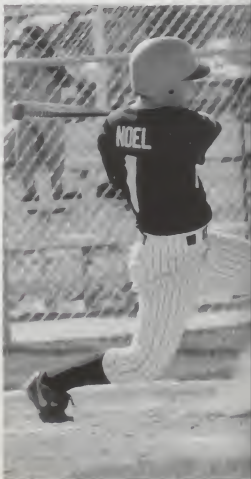
"There were not many standout players this year," Bulan said. "One person never contributed everything. As a team, we tried to play as a whole. It was the little things that won us games."

JV Boys' Baseball Conference 10-2

Griffith 9-10
Highland 12-1
Highland 7-9
T.F. South 4-2
Kankakee Valley 16-13
Lowell 7-1
Morton 10-6
Clark 8-4
Bishop Noll 9-4
Gavit 13-0
Lake Central 4-11
Hammond 6-1
Lake Station 14-1
Valparaiso 17-16
16-1
Highland 4-1
Calumet 5-9
Crown Point 4-11
9-12
Griffith 10-6
Boone Grove 11-1

Freshman Baseball 13-3-1

East Chicago 16-6
T.F. South 5-15
Griffith 20-4
Calumet 10-0
Lowell 13-7
5-4
Lake Central 9-5
Portage 20-5
20-10
Andrean 8-11
Boone Grove 2-12
14-13
Lake Central 17-17
Merrillville 15-5
11-1
Bishop Noll 12-0
Andrean 8-6





Head First

To avoid the tag from the Lake Station first baseman, Grant Duncan, senior, slides head first back to the bag. The team finished 8-4 in Conference and finished third in the Conference Tournament.

Quick Hurler

With force and accuracy, Ryan Bulan, junior, delivers the pitch towards home plate. The pitching staff came through all season giving up seven runs or more only once to Andrean



Big Cut

With a fluent swing, Adam Noel, senior, connects for a base hit against the Lake Station Eagles. Noel provided senior leadership with occasional German sayings to the infielders from right field.

Quick Turn

Rounding first after a single, Dave Luptak, junior, looks to see if he can advance to second. Luptak and the other nine juniors fought through team inexperience to help the team achieve a successful season.



Freshman Baseball (front row) Josh Lipton, Dan Strzempka, Elliott Gibbs, Chuck Mamich, (second row) Brad Nykiel, Paul Obwanski, Steve Paradzinski, Joe Jaksich, Brian Stier, (back row) Kevin Kutansky, Mike Rosen, Brian Young, Kurt Keil, Lou Mazza, Mike Vrabel

Quick Sprint

Eyes focused on the ground, Sarah Leitelt, junior, hustles at the beginning of her 200-meter race. "I joined this year because I knew it would be fun and help me keep in shape for soccer," Sarah said.

Hand Off

Trying hard to keep steady, Katy Stine, freshman, hands the baton to Jillian Vega, freshman, in the 3200-meter relay. "The 3200-meter relay was where the coaches decided to put me, and I didn't really mind too much," Jillian said.



Girls' Track: (front row) Amanda Sandoval, Katy Stine, Becky Maynard, Amanda Salinas, Eileen Norris, Gail Wallace, Jillian Vega, Christine Patel, Jeni Shike, Caroline Camp (second row) Lindsay Baranowski, Michelle Johnson, Sara Bieszcza, Heidi Meyer, Lindsey Serna, Betsy Pottorff, Val Porras, Lea Pupillo, Amanda Gore (third row) Evy Watterson, Amy Blue, Jenny Yamitch, Bonnie Abercrombie, Gina Bassetto, Erin Talbot, Kim Duesing, Desiree Ballanco, Sarah Leitelt, Brandy Zukanovich (fourth row) Karen Lindemann, Katie Thompson, Tara Brennan, Katherine O'Block, Stephanie Davis, Sharon Goldyn, Liz Olley, Lauren Ziemba, Elizabeth Sampias (fifth row) Cori Oprinovich, Megan Mask, Noreen Castor, Jennifer Solis, April Loving, Candace Baker, Kathy Spence, Megan Ralich, Amber LaReau



Look out Below

Doing the Fosbury flop, Amber LaReau, sophomore, keeps a watchful eye on the mats below. "I chose the high jump because I wouldn't have to run and my basketball coaches told me I had a great jumping ability," Amber said.

Competitive Edge

Disregarding her opponents, Bonnie Abercrombie, senior, concentrates on finishing the mile. "Most people think running the mile is very difficult," Bonnie said, "but I think it is easier than shorter races and the two mile race."



off to a head start

With an undefeated conference season, Girls' Track and Field runs their way into Regionals with hopes of advancing to State

Girls' Track and Field

6-2
Conference

6-0
Bishop Noll
Invitational
5th

Valparaiso 33-87
Lake Central 25-94
Gavit/Bishop Noll
79-6-71

Hammond/Highland
68-33-55

Andrean/Griffith
64-50-42

Penn Invitational
15th

Highland Invitational
3rd

Calumet Invitational
3rd

LAC Conference
3rd

Frosh/Soph
Conference
1st

Sectionals
3rd

Best Meet "Our best game was definitely Sectionals and Conference," Co-captain Bonnie Abercrombie, senior, said. "A lot of us had our personal bests then, or ran their best time ever."

"The best meet we had was the Munster Invitational," Jeni Shike, freshman, said. "Everyone got first in their event, and of the eight schools there, we came in first place above all of them."

Regionals "I was really happy that we got 10 members to Regionals," Coach Scott McAlister, Economics teacher, said. "We were pleased to see our team do much better compared to last year."

Worst Meet "I would say Highland would definitely have to be my worst meet," Abercrombie said. "It was really cold that day and just as my race started it began to thunder and lightning and we still had to run because the meet had already started and we couldn't quit."

"We didn't really have any bad meets on the season," Eileen Norris, senior, said. "We constantly exceeded our own expectations time after time and we kept surprising ourselves on a regular basis."

Transition "The change from middle school to high school was a difficult one because in middle school we didn't work too hard," Shike said. "Now it was harder and more difficult, and really you have it in your head to work hard and beat everyone, but it was scary because I knew that high school was going to be much more difficult."

Goals "I wanted to make Regionals and I'm very glad that we did," Coach Rob McCall, English teacher, said. "I was very pleased with their performance, which was better than last year's."

"As a team our goal was to advance as many people to Regionals as possible, but personally my goal was to concentrate on improving my 3200-meter relay," Norris said. "We broke the record on the 3200m relay at Conference. Our time was 10:12s, which was our best time as well."

"My goal was to get to Regionals where I would run the mile," Abercrombie said. "Four individuals and three teams made it to Regionals."

Coaches "The coaches were great because they had great strategies to help us win and they really knew what they were doing," Shike said.

"Our coaches were very reliable because I have had them since my freshman year so I know what to expect from them each year," Abercrombie said.

Who would've believed?

Seeded eighth in the mile at 5:57, Bonnie Abercrombie, senior, made a run of only 5:37, putting her into second place and allowing her to advance to the Regional meet.

"I had gotten plenty of sleep and I was feeling really good that day, and I was happy with my performance," Bonnie said.

Bonnie prepared for the Regional meet, but as an alternate for the 3200-meter relay, she had to run because of an absent teammate in the relay.

"I am very bad at running 800 meters and it tired me out for my more important race, the mile run, and my time really suffered as a result," Bonnie said. "That caused me to add an extra 13 seconds because I didn't have the energy to complete the race."

Boys' Track and Field: (*front row*) Bilal Omery, Chris Kotchinsky, Gaddeir Abbas, Kyle Hathaway, Dan Anderson, Alex Miller, Joe Kogan, Nick Varinac, David Daniels (*second row*) Adam Tepper, John Castor, Jake Skelton, Ryan Beemer, Chris Newcomb, Matt Norby, Shaun Blue, Philip Santner (*third row*) Tony Konvalinka, Aaron Barnes, KK Azodo, Don Koschnitzky, Robbie Andrew, TJ Anthony, Bob Yamtich, Matt DeBoer, Steven Lindeman (*fourth row*) Mike Piokorwski, Stephen Sleeper, Ben Stolarz, Tim Smaron, Tony Doesburg, Jim Knight, Martin Stanko, (*fifth row*) Zachary Lambert, Adam Wallace, Tim Webb, Greg Eckrich, Joel Moosmiller, Thomas Miller

Time Out

Preparing to throw the discus at Sectionals in Highland, TJ Anthony, senior, focuses on his toss. Team

members worked at practices to build up their strength so they could work to the best of their ability.



Up and Over

Soaring past the bar, Chris Newcomb, sophomore, pole vaults at Sectionals in Highland. Newcomb qualified for Regionals.

Hand it Off

At Sectionals, in the relays, Shaun Blue, junior, hands the baton over to Bob Yamtich, senior. Blue and Yamtich advanced to Regionals in Valparaiso May 27.



Jump High

Taking the lead in the intermediate hurdles, Ryan Beemer, junior, keeps his mind focused on winning. Beemer suffered a pulled quadricep and said that he was happy to participate later on in the season.



over the top

With workouts early on in the season, along with upperclassmen leadership, Boys' Track Team advances to Regionals

Boys' Track and Field

Conference
5-3
Hanover Central
67-82
Gavit/Bishop Noll
88-102-96
Hammond/Highland
93-54-26
Andrean/Griffith
89-37-68
Lake Central
38/113
Mustang Invitational
2nd
LAC Conference
4th
Sectionals
3rd
Regionals
20th

Interesting Fact "An interesting fact would be that we beat Giffith for the first time since the '96-'97 school year," Aaron Barnes, junior, said.

Odd Fact "Excellent team effort at our invitational provided a confidence boost for our guys. The first few points decided who won in the May 11 meet. We got fourth," Coach Steve Lopez said.

Best Player "This year showed promise in runners and throwers. TJ Anthony threw the disc great, and Ryan Beemer will be one of the best in the Conference next year," Tony Konvalinka, junior, said. "They had a really great season. Everybody worked really hard."

Worst Team Moment "All year we had been comparing our times to other top schools and we were right there. There was a lack of focus at Conference and we didn't fulfill our expectations," Coach Lopez said.

Outstanding Moment "We were self-motivated, hard working and very dedicated to the sport we loved to do," Ryan Beemer, junior, said.

Out of Ordinary In order to do well at Sectionals the team had to conduct tough practices, have no slacking and maintain big focus all of the time, according to Coach Lopez.

Injuries "The team started their practices with lots of sprints and running many miles. For this reason, no member of the team suffered through the pain of shin splints. This hadn't happened in as long as I could remember. Runners and sprinters usually got shin splints within the first couple weeks of practice," Lopez said.

Biggest Disappointment "The loss to Hanover Central," Tony Konvalinka, junior, said. "It was really bad when we lost 67 to 82. We really wanted to win at that meet. It wasn't even as close a score as we needed. We all felt bad."

Odd Fact According to Bob Yamtich, senior, track practices were long, hard and good. "We ran a lot of quarter miles. It got hard, but we hung in there. It wasn't so bad. It could've been worse."

Biggest Accomplishment "Shaun Blue ran a 4:35 mile. He also did a two mile relay. He and KK Azodo made it to Regionals. They were both good. They accomplished a lot during the season."

Biggest Strength "Everyone did a really good job during the season," James Olaosebikan, freshman, said. "KK (Azodo), TJ (Anthony), Nick (Hansen), Ryan (Beemer) were all really good. They helped the team out a lot."

Who would've believed?

Work paid off for the Boys' Track Team when numerous members made it to Regionals May 27, in Valparaiso.

"A lot of talented kids made it to Regionals," Coach Steve Lopez said. Seniors KK Azodo, Bob Yamtich and TJ Anthony; juniors Shaun Blue, Nick Hansen, Ryan Beemer and Aaron Barnes; and sophomores Dan Anderson and Chris Newcomb were among those students.

"We practiced a lot," Barnes said. "We did a lot of running and it got hard sometimes, but we kept on going. It was totally worth it in the end. A whole lot of players really did well. We had really good teammates and we all loved our coaches. They were great."

Sure Slam

Swinging her racket, Lisa Eidam, senior, hits the ball. "I just wanted to play my best tennis ever," she said.



Heavy Hitter

Gritting her teeth, Jeannie Knish, junior, sends the ball rocketing across the net. Jeannie's father, Head Coach Dave Knish, West Lake teacher, coached her from her first experiences with tennis. "I couldn't imagine being coached by anyone else," she said. "There were things you could tell your dad that you couldn't tell anyone else."

Quick Concentration

Carefully positioning herself, Torie Cox, senior, returns the ball to her opponent. "The season had been really tough," she said. "We were just trying to live up to the state's expectations of us."



Girls' Tennis: (front row) Lindsay Holajter, Lauren Eidam, Lisa Eidam, Jeannie Knish, Anne Ellis, Poonam Shah, Alison Schumacher, Torie Cox (second row) Nisha Doshi, Nina Bilimoria Amanda Manowski, Rachel Sepiol, Emily Stemer, Demetra Marinos, Christie O'Brien, Katie Gilbert (third row) Ashley Porta, Erin Dunn, Michelle Sopher, Neha Shah, Sadia Najamuddin, Iris Insurriaga, Priti Patwari, Natalie Lauerman, Ishani Dalal (fourth row) Lisa Penrose, Sarah Hannigan, Kellie Curran, Lesley Barton, Sonia Chand, Tiffany Brown, Allison Gott, Donna Prole (fifth row) Tiffany Sanders, Marisa Renwald, Apri Komendal, Jennifer Lee, Vanita Seetharaman, Michelle Peiguss, Monica Gallardo, Cindy Wisniewski



Double Take

Standing in stance ready to receive the serve, sophomores Poonam Shah and Lindsay Holajter keep their eyes focused on their opponents. Shah and Holajter helped the team capture its seventh Regional championship, plus Conference and Sectional titles.

in full swing

Girls' Tennis Team adjusts to different lineup while serving way to Conference, Sectional, 7th Regional championships

Girls' Tennis Team

Conference
17-1
Lowell 4-1
Crown Point 4-1
South Bend St. Joseph 2-3
East Chicago Central 5-0
Valparaiso 4-1
Carmel Invitational 3-4
Highland 5-0
Lake Central 5-0
Gavit 5-0
Plymouth 3-2
Elkhart Memorial 5-0
Griffith 5-0
Penn 3-2
Lake Station 4-1

Conference
Gavit 5-0
Lowell 4-1
Andrean 5-0

Sectionals
1st

Regionals
1st

Semi-State
Mishawaka Penn
1-4

Goals "We wanted to get down to State!" Torie Cox, senior, said. "This was our last great chance to get down there because our team was comprised of mainly seniors and not many players were coming up."

"We were trying to remain optimistic," Alison Schumacher, senior, said. "But after losing at Semi-State last year, we thought that was probably our last chance at State. But then this year we thought we had a chance."

Outstanding Players "Lisa (Eidam) was, of course, awesome," Cox said. "She was always the first one off the court. We also had a really strong freshman come in this year, Lauren Eidam. She was an excellent natural athlete who played soccer and tennis year-round."

Leadership "Our captains, Lisa Eidam and Torie Cox, did a great job keeping the team together," Emily Stemer, sophomore, said. "They did a lot of planned activities to get everyone involved and include everyone, like the luncheon on our double meet day."

Team Unity "More than in the past, we mixed among Varsity really well," Schumacher said. "There was no segregation between upperclassmen and underclassmen."

"We all got to play and all learned something," Michelle Peiguss, freshman, said, "even if we didn't play as well as we should have."

Adjustments "We had to adjust a lot during the season because of losing seniors last year," Lisa Eidam, senior, said. "But I think we adjusted well. It was probably hard for Jeannie (Knish, junior) to make the switch from doubles to singles and she did a really good job. Also, Torie (Cox) and Alison (Schumacher) had to make the jump to No. 1 doubles and I think they did an excellent job. We had all been working really hard."

Practices "I liked practicing together," Vanita Seetharaman, freshman, said, "because everyone worked together toward a common goal. It was great to see everyone out there working together. Even though tennis was an individual sport, we still needed teamwork."

Carmel Invite "Carmel was the highlight of my season," Cox said. "Munster placed third overall. It was really good because we weren't expected to place that high."

"Most of the top teams in the state were there," Schumacher said. "We were really proud to get third, and it was a good indication of how we could possibly do at State."

Who would've believed?

Contributing to the team's formidable reputation, sisters Lisa, senior, and Lauren Eidam, freshman, added their skills to enhance the team's winning record.

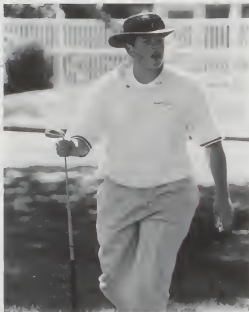
"It was our first time playing together," Lauren, No. 3 singles player, said. "It was also our last because it was Lisa's senior year. It was good to have Lisa on the team with me because it was a lot easier to get to know everyone because she already knew them."

No. 1 Singles player Lisa acknowledged that Lauren's presence added a new dimension to her season.

"My family was really excited about having both of us on the team," she said. "Since it was my last year, it was really nice to share it with her. And it was really good to see her come in and do so well as a freshman. She's a really great player and it was great to see her come out and do so well."

End in Site

While Bill Gray, junior, tends the pin for Geoff Girot, sophomore, Girot plays the break and rolls the put towards the hole. Girot stepped up and posted quality scores when he replaced Robbie Rothschild, senior, after Rothschild suffered an injury.



Stroke of Luck

On his way to the green, Nate Hansen, junior, carries his sand wedge in his hand while sporting a Greg Norman hat. "My grandparents bought it for me six years ago," Hansen said. "I found it in the closet one day, and I'd been playing bad, so I decided to wear it for luck. I shot a couple of 39s in a row, but then I started playing bad again so I put it back in the closet."

In Swing

With a perfect follow through, Dan Diombala, junior, hits an iron shot from the fairway at Woodmar Country Club against Lake Central. Diombala won medalist at the Conference meet with a 77.



Boys' Golf Team: (front row) Andrew Shumacher, Geoff Girot, Kyle Spear, Greg Krupinski, Robbie Rothschild, Dan Diombala, Aaron Sikich, Nate Hansen, Bill Gray, Coach Clark, (second row) Danny Barton, Steve Bembenista, Pat Hanas, Pat Cailles, Jim Hamblin, Kyle Strandberg, Justin Surd, Ryan Trojansky, Matt Guanzon, Joe Fray, (back row) Karl Spork, Dan Rucinski, Steve Paarlberg, Steve Desancic, David Dziubczynski, Sean Pikosz, Andrew Lautz, Mike Liszka, Jeff Cook



Monster Drive

After teeing off, Captain Robbie Rothschild, senior, watches his drive sail down the fairway. Rothschild injured his shoulder swinging a golf

club too hard two weeks into the season but returned at Sectionals. Rothschild also provided senior leadership by accompanying the team to numerous tournaments.



aim for glory

Battling adverse weather conditions and injuries, Boys' Golf Team manages to pull off winning record despite disappointing season

Boys' Golf

10-7
Conference
9-3

Lake Central 164-156
Portage 164-158
Bishop Noll 162-187
Clark 162-222
Crown Point 163-162
Morton 165-192
Griffith 180-187
Hammond High
155-218
Cavit 157-189
Whiting 159-209
Calumet 163-227
Lake Station 156-227
Lake Central 176-165
Lowell 165-164
Andrean 168-167
Highland 171-167

Kankakee Valley
Invitational
6th

ER Beaver Invitational
3rd
Lou Iaconetti
Invitational
5th

Conference
2nd (325)

Sectionals
2nd

Best Moment "I would definitely say the Conference tournament, because we shot really well individually and as a team," Nate Hansen, junior, said. "Even though we lost to Highland by one as a team, Danny Diombala (junior) won medalist with an 77. I came in third with a 78 and Greg Krupinski, (junior), finished with an 80."

Emotions "Golf was something that came natural to me," Diombala said. "I loved the one-on-one competition. On the course you had only yourself to blame for a bad shot; there is no one to blame but you."

Unusual Fact "At Conference, Greg (Krupinski) and Danny (Diombala) were fishing after the meet," Hansen said. "Greg got really excited because he saw this carp that was about as big as my leg. He said 'ooh, ooh, look at the carp!' and was jumping up and down on the bridge. Then all he talked about after that was how big it was."

Strengths "Greg and I played consistent the whole season, and the team was all filled with juniors and sophomores," Diombala said. "Next year we will be back and hopefully do very well."

Most Valuable Player "Greg Krupinski, (junior)," Robbie Rothschild, senior, said. He was the most consistent, he practiced hardest and he had probably the best overall game on the team."

Coach "We got along good; better than last year," Aaron Sikich, senior, said. "We were used to his game plan, and what he expected from us."

Team Size "There was actually 30 to 40 guys on the team," Rothschild said. "The problem with golf was you could only take 10 out to the course everyday, but we were not really that small. For the five guys on Varsity, it was sort of like a brotherhood in that you became close friends and competed with each other for the best score."

Biggest Disappointment "Probably the doctor telling me that I could not play for four weeks and being replaced on varsity," Rothschild said. "Geoff Girot, sophomore, replaced me."

"Losing by one four times because we would shoot well sometimes, but other times we wouldn't shoot well," Girot said. "Those four times we would just fall one shot short."

Indoor Practice "It was pretty exciting because I got to play with a lot of the varsity players during practice," Karl Spork, freshman, said.

Worst Moment "The first match I shot a 41 at Lake Hills against Lake Central, and I broke my putter afterwards," Aaron Sikich, senior, said.

Honors Diombala and Krupinski received First Team All-Conference, while Kyle Spear, junior, received Second Team All-Conference.

Who would've believed?

Massed into the North hallway, the Boys' Golf Team lined up to practice their putting skills. Although they later practiced at Woodmar two to three times a week, adverse weather and lack of a course at the season's start prevented outdoor practice.

"I didn't think it helped very much because we were putting on concrete," Kyle Spear, junior, said.

"It was kind of beneficial because we got to at least do something with a golf club and golf ball because the weather was bad, and we really didn't know where we were going to play at that time," Aaron Sikich, senior, said.

Whether indoor practices helped, they did serve to bring the team closer together in the cramped halls.

play ball

Fighting through hitting difficulties, the Girls' Softball Team overcomes obstacles and smashes their way to Conference title

Superstition "During the games the outfielders got together in a circle before the inning started," Michelle DiCostanzo, junior, said. "We gave each other high fives, clapped our hands, and kicked our feet."

"I always put a penny in my left cleat," Carrie Paradzinski, junior, said. "I just happened to do it freshman year, and I had good luck ever since."

Best Game "It was definitely against Valpo because most people thought we wouldn't win at all," Katy Szumlanski, junior, said. "We put up a really good fight; we only lost by one run."

"Andrean because they were ranked sixth in the state in Class 2A," Coach Jim Davidson, Industrial Technology teacher, said. "They're in our conference, and that game was for the Conference title. If we beat them, we won the conference outright. If we lost we would have shared the title with Andrean. We won three to two."

"Hobart because we hit really well that night," Danielle Zagorski, sophomore, said. "Our defense and pitching were really good, too."

"Crown Point, because the whole team played really well," Katie Hauter, sophomore, said. "We all rallied behind the pitcher, Steph (Gill, junior), and she did a really nice job for us."

"Defensively it would have to have been against Lake Central," Stephanie Gill, junior, said. "They hit the ball really well, and we stopped everything they hit at us. They didn't score any runs."

Strength "Our pitching," DiCostanzo said. "Stephanie and Carrie were always in the Prep Zone on Friday. They weren't going to give up more than three runs, tops, in a game."

"We were all basically softball players," Paradzinski said. "Some of us played other sports, but we concentrated on softball."

"Our pitching and defense," Coach Davidson said. "We had two All State caliber pitchers: Carrie Paradzinski and Steph Gill. We only made 24 errors in our first 26 games."

"Our defense because we had all played together at some point before," Zagorski said.

Weakness "Our bunting," Szumlanski said.

"For some reason we just couldn't seem to consistently get the bat on the ball."

"Everyone knew what they should have been doing, but a lot of the time we just didn't execute," Michelle DiCostanzo, junior, said.

Varsity Softball

20-9

Conference
12-0

T.F. South 0-1
Lowell 9-5
Wheeler 4-3
Morton 2-1
Lake Central 1-0
Clark 4-0
Bishop Noll 4-0
Elkhart Central 8-0,
9-0

Gavitt 8-0
Chesteron 0-6
Valparaso 0-1
Boone Grove 9-0
Hammond High 10-0
Lake Station 10-0
Crown Point 5-0
Whiting 4-0
Merrillville 4-5
Calumet 17-0
Princeton 2-1,
0-2
Hobart 4-1
Highland 4-0
Andrean 3-2
Hanover Central 0-6
Portage 0-1
Homewood-
Flossmoor 0-1
Griffith 9-0

Sectionals

Highland 0-3

JV Softball

9-7

Conference Record
3-3

Merrillville 3-0
T.F. South 2-14
Lake Central 0-6
Elkhart Central 12-0
Griffith 6-5
Lake Central 6-5
Crown Point 6-7
Andrean 1-5
Kankakee Valley 9-0,
11-0

Andrean 0-1
Hobart 6-2
Highland 5-6
Andrean 10-0
Portage 0-10

Who would've believed?

After 16 scoreless innings, the softball game against Griffith ended early due to time constraints.

"It was getting very late and it was a school night," Coach Jim Davidson, Industrial Technology teacher, said. "People get injured when they are that tired, and actually, Rachel Merkell (junior) ended up hurting her ankle."

The game may have ran long because it started at 7:30 p.m. instead of directly after school ended.

"It got to be around 10:30 p.m. and it didn't look like we were going to get anywhere, so the umps decided to stop," Michelle DiCostanzo, junior, said. "It was hard to walk away from a game without a winner."

The stoppage of the game resulted in a variety of reactions from players.

"I had mixed emotions," Katy Szumlanski, junior, said. "We were really tired and we wanted to go home, but we didn't want to leave the game up in the air; we wanted to beat Griffith."

When the two teams did battle again, the Girls' Softball Team won 9-0.

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Throwing a Curve

Trying to strike out a batter, Stephanie Gill, junior, delivers a pitch. The team conditioned in the morning before the season started so they would start off in top form.

Bumped'n Bruised

Forced to sit on the sidelines, Meaghen Lober, junior, cheers on her team. Lober sat on the bench for part of the season after she was hit by a ball in the outfield and acquired a concussion.



Girls' Varsity Softball: (front row) Meaghen Lober, Stephanie Gill, Angie Keslin, Margaret Schaum, (second row) Katherine Caruso, Danielle Zagorski, Michelle DiCostanzo, Carrie Paradzinski, Katy Szumlanski, (back row) Coach Mike Coil, Rachel Merkell, Coach Jim Davidson, Jillian Martin, Coach Beth Vesa, Katie Hauter

Swift Success

Running through home plate, Katy Szumlanski, junior, scores a run. "Over the course of the season, my batting got a lot better because we used the batting cages in the wrestling room," Szumlanski said.

Sneaking Under

To avoid the tag by the Hobart shortstop, Katherine Caruso, sophomore, slides into second base. The Girls' Softball Team's perseverance payed off when they won the conference title.

play ball

continued

Weakness "Our hitting," Margaret Schaum, junior, said. "When it came to an important situation, we couldn't get the hits we needed."

"Lack of experience," Carrie Paradzinski, junior, said. "We were a really young team. We had to get used to playing with each other."

"Hitting," Coach Davidson said. "We struggled all year long. We played almost every day so we didn't really have a lot of practice time. We were always facing good pitching. Kids got in slumps that were hard to get out of."

"We played in so many games in a week that we didn't have much practice time," so it was hard to improve," Michelle DiCostanzo, junior, said.

Disappointment "All the games we lost that were 1-0" Schaum said. "We beat ourselves in all of those games."

"Our first game against T.F. South, we wanted to start the season off right with a win, but instead we lost," Katy Szumlanski, junior, said.

"The game against Merrillville," DiCostanzo said. "We were tied and Steph and Katherine were talking on the mound. When they weren't looking the girl on third stole home and we lost the game."

"Our team hated to lose," Danielle Zagorski, sophomore, said. "There was a point where we were on a winning streak. When we lost we were upset."

"Not playing well in the Valparaiso Tournament," Coach Davidson said. "We were having a good year up until then. Not that we played bad, we only lost 1-0, but we had aspirations of beating them."

Improvement "I guess we were finally starting to hit the ball. We were just trying to get everything together," Steph Gill, junior, said.

"We worked to make our team unity good," Zagorski said. "We had a sleepover, and we went to the movies and out to eat after games. It helped because we have all played softball together before."

"We really learned to play together as a team," Paradzinski said. "There were only three returning starters from last year."

"Our understanding of the game situations, defensively and offensively improved tremendously," Coach Davidson said. "Every game we got better at running the bases and dealing with difficult situations."

Freshman Softball 7-2

Morton 13-0
Clark 17-4
Andrew 5-7
Argo 7-3
Argo 14-0
Marian 2-9
Thornwood 3-1,
13-3
Wheeler 6-5





Making Contact

Following through with her swing, Margaret Schaum, junior, swivels her foot to send her ball flying toward third base. "Towards the end of the season, our hitting started to come around," Schaum said.

Girls' JV Softball: (front row) Erin Kolb, Gina Pelagalli, Jessica Wilson, Ashley Jasevicius, Sara Wojcik, (second row) Meredith Moran, Katie Sliwa, Carolyn Marinier, Lisa Basil, (back row) Kristi Nishimura, Talia Matury-Vacaro, Coach Mike Coil, Chrissy DiCostanzo, Jill Stout



Girls' Freshman Softball: (front row) Rosey Petrone, Emily Montgomery, Julie Spear, Marissa Riechers, (second row) Jacky Doescher, Sara Schuettle, Simone Castaneda, Rachel Clause, Jessica Collinsworth, (back row) Erica Rangel, Shannon Harvey, Lizzy Grady, Coach Beth Vesa



Mass Excitement

After a home game, the Girls' Softball Team celebrates a 4-1 win over Hobart. "We didn't make a lot of mistakes," Coach Jim Davidson, Industrial Technology teacher, said. "You have to credit the players for that."

Playing Tag

Guarding first base, Katie Hauter, sophomore, tags out a base runner who tries to sneak past her. "The whole team worked really hard all season on improving our defense," Hauter said.

Softball

ff center alternative

From off-the-wall tae kwon do kicks to winning gold medals internationally, students encountered ways to incorporate sports of all kinds into their lives. Moving beyond the traditional team sport activities, teens discover their own individual niches.

on the water

Erin DeVries, junior

How she was introduced to waterskiing: "My dad was involved a long time ago," Erin said. "He taught me how to waterski, and then we joined the ski club we're at now, and I got involved in tournament skiing."

Where she competed: She traveled all over the Midwest during the summer and won State once. At Nationals in 1994, she won sixth place. At Nationals in West Palm Beach, FL, in 1998, she won 10th place.

Where her motivation came from: "I didn't want the younger girls to beat me," Erin said. "There used to be an All Star team I competed to be on, but I got too old to try out for the team."

Who she looked up to: World Champion Helena Kjellander from Sweden. "We wrote letters back and forth. I have looked up to her for as long as I could remember."

Seniors spar in Jackie Chan style as unique way to stay fit



fight



As the norm, students flocked to fitness centers like Omni or Fitness Pointe to workout. Seniors Rich Sun and Jeff Tsai found their own way to keep in shape.

Rich and Jeff fought by using tae kwon do techniques. Once or twice a week they battled in Rich's basement.

"It was a full body



Spinning Circles

Practicing his technique, Matt Weaver, senior, ballroom dances with his instructor at Second Street Dance Studio in Schererville. "I got a couple of

workout," Rich said. "It increased fighting skills and reduced reaction time."

According to Jeff, the two became friends at an early age and the fighting relates to their roots.

"I guess it all stemmed down from our cultural backgrounds," Jeff said. "Rich and I had been friends since first grade and our families had always been close."

After years of friendship, they continued fighting for fun.

"We had been interested for about five years," Jeff

said. "In middle school we would get together to kick a kicking bag, throw knives, and nunchucks."

They took tae kwon do classes, which required much time and effort. Even with busy schedules, the desire to fight still burned.

"It was more fun to play on our own schedule, when it was convenient," Jeff said.

By grabbing their pads, Rich and Jeff received a workout by fighting each other, instead of doing the regular activities like lifting weights and jogging.

Big Kick

With a roundhouse kick, Rich Sun, senior, tries to hit Jeff Tsai, senior, who prepares for the block. "It was a lot more fun than regular exercise and it was never the same," Rich said. "Something was always new."

Right Path

Peddling as fast as he can, Alex Stone, senior, tries to advance on his competition at the seventh annual Mount Trashmore bike race sponsored by the Munster Parks and Recreation. He participated in the 13-17 age group. "I started riding competitively three years ago," Stone said. "I had a lot of fun."

fly high



Ryan Bacon, senior, sophomores Mark Heneghan and Mike Kozlowski

Defining the era

coping- a round metal pole horizontally attached to the top of a halfpipe or ramp

air- when the entire board is over the coping

deck- wooden part of the board
griptape- a rough paper much like sandpaper that sticks to the deck of the board

halfpipe- a half cylindrical skating surface made of plywood with outside supports

kickflip- board spins around once. To complete a kickflip, kick left foot out so board flips once under your body

nose- front part of the board

tail- back part of the board
ollie- usually the first trick learned, the ollie forms the basis for all other tricks. To finish an ollie, kick down on the tail of the board with right foot and drag left foot up so the left foot ends on the nose of the board

trucks- two metal bars that attach the wheels to the deck



Pushing the limits, skaters flip, jump, and spin over their boards



Mike Kozlowski, sophomore

one on one

Name: Mike Kozlowski, sophomore
Q: How did you get started?

A: "When I was young I messed around with skating, but nothing serious. I started up again when I started hanging out with kids that skated."

Q: What kind of tricks did you do?

A: "I liked to jump over ramps and gaps and other stuff like that."

Q: What pro skaters did you look up to?

A: "Andy Roy, because he didn't care if he got hurt, he just skated for the fun of it."

bad grades on my report card so my Mom said I wouldn't get grounded if I started ballroom dancing," Matt said. "It was fun after I did it for awhile."

get loose

Toning biceps, trimming waistlines motivates students

With climbing stairs, running miles, attending aerobics classes, and purchasing health club memberships, students found ways to stay in shape over the nine month school year. Test your mind to determine how well you know your workout trivia.



believe it or not

1. What is one of the most common athletic injuries?
 - a. sprained wrist
 - b. bruised foot
 - c. hamstring injury
2. Which sport burns the maximum amount of calories in eight minutes?
 - a. basketball
 - b. bike riding
 - c. running the mile
3. Which activity uses the most muscle groups?
 - a. inline skating

The Right Step

Seniors Vicki Bembenista and Julie Wadycki and sophomore Jessica Oprinovich take an aerobics class. "I was looking for something that would fit into my schedule to allow me to get into shape quickly and relieve stress," Vicki said.

- b. running
 - c. cycling
4. Which of the following isn't an important way to keep fit?
 - a. at least seven hours of sleep
 - b. bird watching
 - c. relaxing and having fun
 5. How many calories do you burn doing one hour of Tae-Bo twice a week?
 - a. 100-300
 - b. 700-900
 - c. no one could last that long
1. c 2. c 3. a 4. b 5. b

Deep Stretch

To avoid an injury, Cori Oprinovich, senior, stretches before her aerobics class. "It was a fun and easy way to exercise with my friends," Cori said. "It was an excellent stress reliever because of the punching and kicking air."

breakdance

Sophomore Christine Patel, follows dreams, dances on Varsity Poms squad

How long has she been dancing: for 11 years since four years old
How she got hooked: "I started getting better when I was nine or ten and it was fun for me," Christine said. "Then I made Poms in Middle School and then in high school."

Does she hope to continue dancing: "I want to possibly be on a dance team in college and I'm thinking of minoring in dance in college," Christine said.
 Off Center



full flight

Intensity, rivalry fills gymnasium in Sunday morning battles

Instead of attending church, getting sleep, or watching television, students dragged themselves back to school on Sunday morning. Not to go to class, but to play some hoops with friends.

Munster Youth Basketball, better known as Biddyball, allowed students to play basketball against friends in a more laid-back atmosphere.

"You could play a fun sport without being under pressure of playing on the high school team," Brad Nykiel, freshman, said.

Biddyball seeped into students' everyday lives by either bragging about last week's win or talking about the next

game. "It was cool how everyone taunted each other all through the week in school about the games," Erik Merkell, senior, said.

The Rockets, Erik's team, won the title in the finals over the Timberwolves. Erik, whose team had five senior starters, attributed experience as a key to the victory.

"We were all good friends and played well with each other," Erik said. "We had great chemistry."

Biddyball gave students a chance to play basketball under an easygoing, yet competitive environment against friends and foes.



Shot Block

In order to get a shot off, Mark Heneghan, freshman, jumps toward the basket while Erik Merkell, senior, goes for the block with Jason Cieselski, senior, watching the action. "The best thing about Biddyball was that there was no practice and you didn't have to worry about winning or losing," Erik said.



Fit and Trim

At Gators in Highland, Melissa Hecimovich, senior, works out on exercise equipment. "I tried to work out every day after school when I wasn't working to stay in shape," Melissa said.



ff center main- stream

above the net

Skinned knees, floor burns, and sweating bodies display marks left by volleyball

For students tired of sitting in desks and listening to lectures, the Advisory volleyball tournament brought a chance for excitement. The tournament offered a break from the 18 minutes of study hour customary in most Advisories.

"It was something to do during the day that got us away from school," Steve Weck, junior, said. "Plus, most of the games were good and everybody knew how to play."

The fierce competition helped raise spirits and promoted teamwork. It paved the way for bonding with fellow Advisory members.

"The competition was what made volleyball so exciting," Aaron Kras, senior, said. "Our whole Advisory got really pumped up; we wanted to win."

Whether they proved one of the most integral team members or only had an opportunity to play for a couple of minutes every game, students found ways to help their Advisories topple their opponents.

Sky High

Reaching for the ball, seniors Adam Brown and Dorian Menchaca battle each other for the sake of their teams. Advisory volleyball gave students the chance to relax and have some fun during another day filled with the same old routine.



cool breeze

With a slap shot, Assistant Captain Joe Howarth, senior, lights the lamp past the opponents' goalie. The Munster Icemen finished the season at 7-13-1.

According to Brian Treasure, junior, the team used defense and checking to put themselves into position for victories. Even though this kept them in games, offensively they struggled.

"We didn't take enough shots on net which was a major factor that prohibited us from scoring," Brian said.

Not only lack of scoring but an unruly crowd at a game at T.F. South gave the Icemen some problems.

"Their fans booed us," Joe said. "It was the first time I had been booed in my career. There were almost riots in the parking lot after the game."

The Icemen had victories over top ranked Lockport and arch-rival Highland.

"We had not beaten them all year," Joe said. "There was



Keep Away

Shielding the puck, Brian Treasure, junior, skates up the ice. "We started the season strong, but we fell apart as the season progressed," Brian said.

a lot of energy and we came ready to play."

Whether working hard on passing and checking drills or scoring a goal against the rival Highland Trojans, the Icemen faced numerous roadblocks along the way, but still accomplished a respectable season.

ff center beyond the norm

tourney fever

Students place their bets on March Madness

Beginning with conference tournaments and later the NCAA tournament, March Madness filled the halls with the distribution of pools and favorite teams' colors.

Students tuned into CBS for the tournament because of their pools and because of their love for the game.

According to the Student Handbook, "students at MHS are not permitted to participate in games of chance which involve the taking of other students' money or belongings."

"It made it more interesting because you could compete through the teams," Jennifer Kalina, senior, said.

Parents whose children participated in pools did not always mind the occasional \$2-\$5 bet.

"I didn't think my parents really looked at it as gambling," Jennifer said. It was more of a past time to bet on the NCAA Tournament."

Students felt that gambling helped keep the channel tuned into CBS to watch game after game.

FAN frenzy



Reene Halajcsik, junior



Robert Zyzalo, freshman



Josh Reed, junior

Whether a WWF Raw junkie or an occasional Cubs supporter, grab a pen to determine if you rank as a fanatic or as a sports dud

- With two hours of chemistry homework, and wrestling on TV, you:
 - don't watch wrestling, there's always next Monday
 - watch wrestling and put off your chemistry assignment
 - attempt doing both, studying mol equations at commercials
- In your room:
 - it is hard to tell where your room begins and the Purdue stadium ends because of the gold and black
 - maybe a keychain and a poster or two can be found, but nothing to call Charter over
 - the only remnant of sports is your red gym shorts from freshman year
- Your closet resembles:
 - an advertisement for Niketown



Chris Noble, senior

the bottom line

the
year
in sports

Oct. 21, 1998

The New York Yankees complete record season by sweeping San Diego 4-0 in the World Series. The Yankees compiled a 125-50 record through the regular season and playoffs.

Oct. 25, 1998

The Chicago Fire wins the MLS Cup in soccer by defeating two-time defending champion D.C. United 2-0 in its inaugural season.

Jan. 13, 1999

Michael Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA. Jordan's last shot gave the Bulls their sixth championship in eight years in a 4-2 series victory over Utah.

rising to the top



Sophomore travels worldwide to compete for two shining gold medals

Betsy Pottorff, sophomore How long she has been in gymnastics:

"Twelve years ago I was in a gym and swim program just for something to do," Betsy said. "I liked it so much that I kept doing it."

How she got her competitive start: "My gymnastics coach saw an ad for a trampoline and tumbling camp and she had been wanting to start a team," Betsy said. **Where she has traveled to compete:** The Indo-Pacific Games in Durbin, South Africa, she won two gold medals and a silver. In Sydney, Australia, Betsy won a bronze medal in the double mini trampoline. In Sweden, she won seventh place for the synchronized trampoline.

- b) an Abercrombie and Fitch catalog
 - c) Kohl's: a mix of athletic apparel and casual wear
4. You devote ___ hours a week to non-school related sports.
- a) 0-5
 - b) 6-15
 - c) 16+
5. The number 18 relates to:
- a) being legal, well, illegal after betting on the NCAA tournament
 - b) how many minutes of Advisory volleyball
 - c) the number of weeks in the semester

Scoring 1. a) 2, b) 6, c) 4 2. a) 6, b) 4, c) 2 3. a) 6, b) 2, c) 4 4. a) 2, b) 4, c) 6 5. a) 6, b) 4, c) 2

If you totaled ___ you are...
10-16 not exactly sports-minded
"MJ retired? I thought he had a new album coming out!" You know less about sports than Eric Cartman knows about being slim.

17-23 happy medium
You fit right in the comfort zone: not too hot, not too cold, but just right. You know your stuff about sports, but you don't let it control your life like some who have their favorite teams colors running through their veins.

24-30 in need of counseling
Not even Webster himself could dream up a word to define your obsession. You take the term "infatuation" to a whole new level.

epic race

McGwire, Sosa crack their way to record breaking season

In 1961, Roger Maris posted 61 home runs to grab the record. The mark went unchallenged for 36 years until "the race." Mark McGwire pounded 70 homers as Sammy Sosa smacked 66. The home run race captured the attention of many sports fans.

"I was thrilled with the homerun race," Keith Dell'Aquila, freshman, said. "It preoccupied my life for three months. Sosa and McGwire battled back and forth until McGwire ended with 70."

Obsessed Fan
With Vaseline magazines, Keith Dell'Aquila, freshman, displays his love for the Chicago Cubs. "I used to play baseball in Cubs uniforms," Keith said.



inside the numbers
2,857

points scored by "the Great One" Wayne Gretzky in his 20-year career. Gretzky shares or holds 61 NHL records.

59

score David Duval put up in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. His 13-under par round tied the record for the lowest 18 hole score in PGA history.

7

number of teams from the Big Ten that made the NCAA tournament. Ohio State and Michigan State reached the Final Four.

1,153,846

number of CDs one could purchase with Los Angeles Dodgers' Kevin Brown's \$15,000,000 per year, the highest salary professional baseball.

Hockey great Wayne Gretzky plays his last game, a 2-1 loss to Pittsburgh. Gretzky retired after 20 years and shares or holds 61 NHL records including 894 goals.

Former Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton announces that he has a rare disease called Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis, which requires a liver transplant.

Mar. 15, 1999

Feb. 2, 1999

John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to their second consecutive Super Bowl championship with a 34-19 win over the Atlanta Falcons. Elway ended his career as he retired May 2.

Joe DiMaggio dies at age 84 when complications occurred after his lung cancer surgery. DiMaggio retained the hitting streak record with 56 games straight with a hit.

Apr. 18, 1999

Bonnie Abercrombie: Track 9-12; French Club 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Cross Country 10-12; National Merit Commended Student; Quill & Scroll 11; *Crier* 11
Nicholas Adamopoulos: Football 9-12
Allison Suzanne Adams: Spanish Club 9-11; Project X 9; SADD 11-12; *Paragon* 11-12 (Photography Ed. 12)

Lisa Alexander

Sarah Alexander: French Club 9-12; ACC 9; Ensembles 10-12; NHS 11-12; *Crier* 11-12 (Front Page & Managing Ed.); Quill & Scroll 11-12; National Merit Commended Student

Dan Alonzo

Meghan K. Ambre: Marching Band 9-12 (Section Leader 11, Drum Major 12); Wind Ensemble 9-12; Student Government 9-10, 12; CEC 11; German Club 9-12

Kira Anne Amdahl: Swimming 9-10; Track 11

Robert Andrew

Thomas Anthony: Football 9-11; Wrestling 9; Track 9-12; NHS 11-12; Musical 10

Kara Elizabeth Argus: Cheerleading 9-12; Tennis 9-11; NHS 11-12; Drama Club 9-12; Thespian 10-12; French Club 9-11; CEC 9; DECA 12; Musical 9-10, 12

Robert A. Austgen: Football 9-12

Chijioke Azodo: Soccer 9-12; Wrestling 9-12

Okechukwu Azodo: Track 9-10, 12; Soccer 9-12; SADD 11-12; Project X 11; Band 9;

Ryan Bacon: Football 9-10

Natalie Banas: Swimming 9-12; Softball 9;

Project X 12

Lesley Ann Barton: French Club 9-12;

Tennis 10, 12; SADD 11; Drama Club 11;

CEC 11-12; Ensembles 11-12; NHS 12

Joseph A. Basil: Soccer 11-12; NHS 11-12;

ACC 9-12; Spanish Club 11; Wrestling 9

Goran Bastaic

Zoran Bastaic

David Bazarko

Victoria E. Bembenista: Speech/Debate 9-12; Drama Club 11-12 (vice pres. 12); CEC 10, 12; Musical 11; *Crier* 11-12 (News Ed. 11,

Editor-in-chief 12); NHS 11-12; NFL 9-12;

Quill & Scroll 12; French Club 9-12 (vice pres.); Thespian 11-12; IU Honors 11

Selina Marie Benavente: DECA 11-12;

Drama 9-11; Spanish Club 9-12; Tennis 9-10;

CEC 10; Musical 9-10; Speech/Debate 9-10

Matt Berry: Drama Club 11-12

Sara Bieszcza: Volleyball 9-10; Basketball 9;

Softball 9; Track 10-12; DECA 12

Brian Bishop

Christine Nzinga Blake: Speech 9-11;

Student Government 9-10, 12; Women's

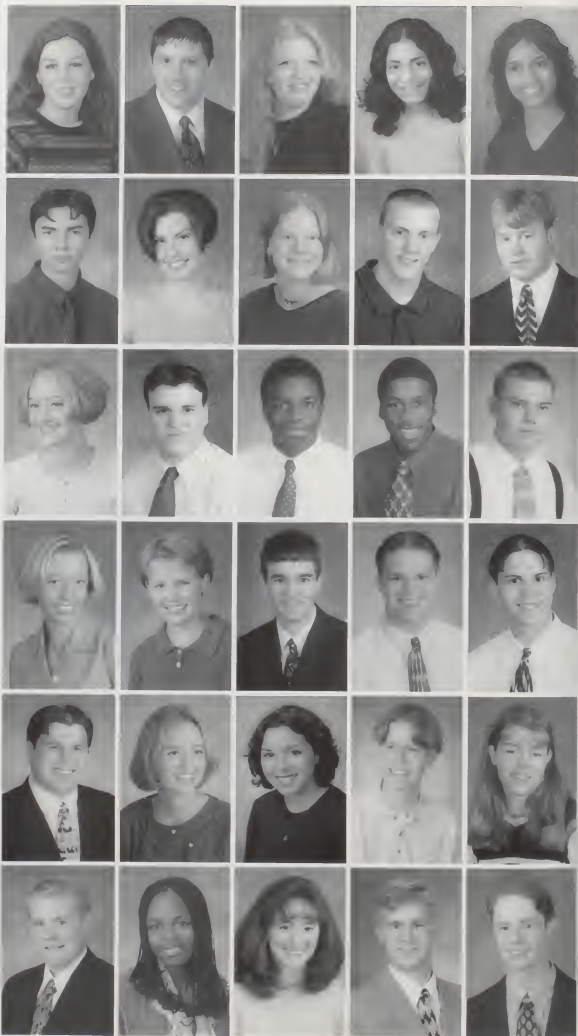
Ensemble 10-11; Mixed Ensemble 12;

Musical 9-12; NHS 12; Project X 11-12 (pres. 11)

Andrea Bosnich

Jeremy Kyle Breuker: Track 9-10

Adam Brown



down in the PARK

REMOTES
AND TV
GUIDES KEEP
STUDENTS
POSTED ON
FAVORITE
SHOWS

"*Beverly Hills 90210* because I had been watching it since 4th grade. You got attached to the characters and really involved in the plot."

-Christine Blake, senior

"*Party of 5* because I liked the shows that were dramatic and suck you in the plot."

-Anna Kozlowska, senior

"*Seinfeld* because everything in the show was so stupid that it was funny; it was like 30 minutes of constant laughing."

-Jeff Lee, senior

"*The Simpsons* because it was a darn hilarious show, and the amount of sarcasm involved was great."

-Keith Cantwell, senior

"I liked *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* because I thought that it was a cool show and also because David Boreanaz was hot."

-Janet Papendick, senior

top
10
tv shows

1. *Simpsons* (111)
2. *Seinfeld* (59)
3. *Dawson's Creek* (56)
4. *Friends* (50)
5. *WWF Monday Night* (43)
6. *The Tom Green Show* (38)
7. *Beverly Hills, 90210* (29)
8. *South Park* (24)
9. *ER* (24)
10. *Buffy* (18)

197 seniors surveyed

all smiles

In Mr. Mark Lehnner's Honors World Literature class, Dan Chakraborty, senior, plays "Chuck Cartman" and win "The show was a lot like *The Simpsons*, but it was a little more adult," Dan said. "I enjoyed watching it because it took serious issues and made them funny."



war games

To pass the time because of missing students, Adam Brown, senior, and other classmates play *Star Wars Trivial Pursuit* during class. "I was pretty into *Star Wars*," Adam said. "You didn't have to be really into the game to be able to play and do well at it."



Anthony Michael Brown: Football 9-10
Caitlin K. Buchanan: Volleyball 9; Softball 9-10; Drama 9-10; Project X 9-10; Speech/Debate 10; DECA 11-12 (pres. 12); Spanish Club 9-10

Benjamin Buehne
Greg Bugyis: Swimming 9-12; Band 9-11; Jazz Band 10; French Club 10-12; NHS 11-12
Robert Burghardt: Marching Band 9-12 (Section Leader 11-12); Concert Band 9-10; German Club 12; Jazz Ensemble 10-11; Wind Ensemble 10-12; NHS 11-12

Jennifer Burrell: Softball 9-10; Swimming 9; French Club 9-11; SADD 10-12; Project X 11; Art Club 12; NHS 11-12; Band 12
Jennifer Lee Caine: Drama Club 9-11; Spanish Club 9-10; *Paragon* 11-12 (Ads Ed., Business Manager 11, Assistant Copy Ed. 12); Quill & Scroll 11-12

Kristin M. Cane: Spanish Club 9-11; DECA 12

Jennifer Rae Cannedy: Swimming 9; German Club 9-12
Keith R. Cantwell: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12

CROWDED
HALLS AND
BOUNCING
SEATS,
STUDENTS
DEAL WITH
ANNOYANCES

stop and PESTER

"...people who stood in the middle of the hallway, or people who stopped to talk when you were behind them."
-Karen Haney, senior

"...teachers who didn't teach. They just gave you an assignment, expected you to do it, and know how to do it. They just thought it was their responsibility to show you how to

do it and not help you at all."
-Jenny Kalina, senior

"...when people lied, it just totally bugged me. Half the time you knew it was a lie by their facial expressions, or the way they were telling it to you by the tone of their voice."
-Holly Wujek, senior

"...cutting in lunch lines, because there were

administrators/walkie talkie people talking to students and ignoring the problem. I had to wait an extra five minutes because of all the cutting."

-TJ Anthony, senior

"Homework bothered me. Sometimes the teachers just gave us tedious stuff. There were so many other things to do."

-Jaci Palos, senior

standing around

Stopping in the halls, seniors Rina Doshi, Hirai Shah, Julie Wadycky and Dave Tabion talk after school. Crowded halls made travel difficult at times.



Katie Carraher: *Paragon* 11-12 (People Ed. 11, Editor-in-Chief, Copy Ed. 12); Quill & Scroll 12 (vice pres. 12); Spanish Club 9-10; Softball 9; Speech/Debate 9-10
Matthew Thomas Carton: Basketball 9; Golf 10-11
Daniel Chakraborty: ACC 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-12; Tennis 9-12; Track 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 10
Hong Jin Cho: Mixed Ensemble 11-12; German Club 11-12
Jason B. Ciesielski: Baseball 10-12; DECA 11-12
Scott P. Clark
Ryan Cohen: Basketball 9-10; Football 9; DECA 12; SADD 9-10
Viktoria Allison Cox: Student Government 9-12; German Club 9-12 (vice pres. 11, pres. 12); Art Club 11-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12 (treas. 12); Homecoming Queen 12; Tennis 9-12 (co-capt. 12)
Patrick K. Crawford: Football 9-10
Kellie Jean Curran: Spanish Club 9, 11; Color Guard 9-12 (capt. 11, 12); SADD 12; Drama Club 9; Musical 10; NHS 11-12; Tennis 10-12



Seniors



Diane Elizabeth Curtis: Speech/Debate 9-10; NFL 9-12; German Club 9-11; Spanish Club 9-10; Principal's Advisory Team 9-10; NHS 11-12; *Paragon* (Design Asst. 11; Design Ed., Managing Ed. 12); Quill & Scroll 11-12; Ryan Dean: Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-10; Tiffany Joy Dell'Aquila: Band 9-12; Spanish Club 11
Javier G. DeLuna: Basketball 9; Football 9-10, 12; Baseball 9-11
Sally Demkowicz: German Club 9-11; Track 10; Drama 9

Peter Dennis: Football 9-12; Basketball 9-12; Track 9-12
Megan L. Dettlerline: Swimming 9-10; Tennis 9-12

Elizabeth Ann DeVries: Cheerleading 9-11 (co-capt. 10-11); Band 9-11; Curriculum Council 11-12; NHS 11-12; *Paragon* (Academics Ed.) 12; National Merit Finalist 12; CEC 10; German Club 11, French Club 9-10

Bill DiCristofano: Football 9-10; Baseball 9
Jack H. Dillon: Wrestling 9-11; German Club 9-12; Speech/Debate 10

Bryan Doranski: Football 9; Drama 9; Band 9-10

Rina Doshi: Speech/Debate 9-12 (sec. 12); Tennis 9-12; CEC 12; Spanish Club 9-12; SADD 9-11; Project X 9-10; NHS 11-12

Stephanie Anne Dujmovic
Daniel Brian Dukich: Drama Club 10-12; German Club 10-12; Student Government 10-12 (pres. 12); *Crier* 12 (Opinion Ed.); Principal's Advisory Team 11-12; Spanish Club 11

Andrew Dumaresq: Basketball 9; Band 9-12; Golf 10-11; Jazz Band 10, 12
Grant B. Duncan: Soccer 11-12; Baseball 11-12

Rachel Michelle Dunham: Speech/Debate 9; Women's Ensembles 12

Ryan M. Dunn: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Project X 11; SADD 11-12; Spanish Club 11
Nikola Dupkanic
Adam Economou: *Crier* 11-12; *Paragon* 11-12; Video Club 9-12 (pres. 11-12)

Lisa Ann Eidam: Soccer 9-10; Student

Government 9, 11-12; CEC 10; NHS 11-12; Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); All-State 9-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 10
Anne Faye Ellis: Student Government 9-10, 12 (sec. 12); CEC 11 (vice pres. 11); Speech/Debate 9-12; Tennis 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Drama Club 9-11; NHS 11-12

John Engelbrecht
Kate Marie Engelbrecht: SADD 9-10; DECA 10-12; French Club 9-12
Jennifer Evans: Ensembles 11-12; Musical 10-12

Deborah N. Feldman: Cheerleading 10 11; Art Club 11-12 (sec. 12); NHS 11-12
Nicholas Albert Ferrer: Soccer 10-11; Marching Band 9, Concert Band 9, Pep Band 9; Musical 11-12
Sarah Rae Fies: Tennis 9; Speech/Debate 10; NFL 10; NHS 11-12; Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Musical 12

Laura K. Franckevicius
Zachary Franks

Jacob Frigo: Football 9; Baseball 9-10
 Amanda J. Furtek: German 9-11
 Monica Marie Gallardo: Spanish 10-12
 (sec. 12); French Club 12; Project X 12;
 SADD 12; Tennis 12
 Ana Garcia
 Jina Anne Gauthier: Basketball 9-10 (co-
 capt. 9); Softball 9; Spanish Club 11; Project
 X 12 (vice pres. 12)



Gia Marie Ghezzi: Cheerleading 9-12
 (capt. 11-12); CEC 9-12; Track 9
 Chris Giannini
 Kris Giba: Diving 9; Baseball 9-10; Soccer
 9-12
 Tara M. Gibbs: Tennis 11; Project X 11-12
 Scot Goldyn: Drama Club 9-12 (treas. 12);
 German Club 11-12; French Club 9-12



Phil Grantner
 Amanda Rae Greenya: Swimming 9-12
 James W. Grimmer
 Jeffrey N. Hagelberg: ACC 10-12; NHS 11-
 12; Band 10-11; Jazz Band 11; Astronomy
 Club 11; Video Club 12
 Jared Robert Hamilton: Football 9-12 (capt.
 12); Wrestling 9-10



Karen Lynne Haney: Spanish Club 9-10;
 DECA 12; Tennis 10
 Jon Harris: Basketball 9-11
 John E. Harwood: Football 9-12; Wrestling
 9-10
 Lisa Michelle Heath: Softball 9
 Melissa Hecimovich: Basketball 9;
 Volleyball 9-10; CEC 9,11



Gregory Hedges: Football 9-12; Basketball
 11-12; Track 10-11
 Laura Rochelle Hernandez: Basketball 9;
 Volleyball 9-10
 Emily Herrin: French Club 9-12 (sec. 12);
 SADD 10; Speech/Debate 10-11; NFL 10-
 12; Academic Team 11; NHS 11-12; Spanish
 Club 12; Drama Club 12
 Corey Hill: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9; Band
 9-11; Wind Ensemble 11; German Club 12
 Kimmely Hoge: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt.
 9,11-12); Student Government 9, CEC 12



Sara Hom
 Thomas J. Howarth: French Club 9-10;
 Speech/Debate 9-10; Drama Club 9-11;
 CEC 10-12; Track 9
 Jennifer Aileen Hughes: Speech/Debate 9
 Keith E. Hyland: Football 9-12; Wrestling
 9-12
 Kevin Jablonski: Football 9-12



one for the BOOKS

COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL, SENIORS REMINISCE ABOUT EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

"I was at a banquet, and I was talking to a guy. My mom gave me a camera bag to take to the car. I put the bag on my shoulder. When I bent over, my shirt came undone. I was left in my bra."

- Amy Los, senior

"I was at the Homecoming dance wearing a spaghetti strap dress and I stepped on my dress, the strap broke. I had nothing under it. Everybody pulled tape off the floor to fix the strap."

- Jenny Burrell, senior

"I was in preschool and I had to go to the bathroom, but I was too shy to tell the teacher. So I just went. When we came back to the room, the teacher saw the puddle on the floor and said 'Who did this?' I didn't say anything but I turned bright red."

- Maddy Mogle, senior

"Gia Ghezzi, (senior,) punched me in the crotch by accident when I was behind her. Even worse, she announced to the whole class that she hit me in 'a very bad place.'"

- Jim Zekis, senior

"I fell down in Econ after my leg fell asleep. I tried to walk it out, but I had no feeling in my leg."

- Bob Zivanovic, senior

poetic justice

Hoping to keep his classmates interested, Mark Burek, senior, reads a love poem aloud for extra credit in Mrs. Therese Dristas' World Literature class. "I had trouble speaking in front of people because I thought everyone didn't care what I had to say," Mark said.

"Dave Mangus, (senior,) and I were fighting in the hall, I went to kick him, but he grabbed my leg and I fell and hit my head. Everyone in the Commons saw. Then my teacher asked me about it."

- Lesley Barton, senior

Heidi Jadryev: German Club 10-11; SADD 9; Project X 9; DECA 11-12

Natasha Janevski

Lauren Jania: Softball 9; Volleyball 9-10;

Track 10-12; Band 9-11; Spanish Club 9

Natalie Ann Johnson: Concert Band 10-12;

Musical 10; Drama Club 11; Speech/Debate

10-11; Tennis 10; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club

10-11; SADD 11; Marching Band 11-12

Mark Joseph: Football 9; DECA 10-12

Shilpa S. Joshi: Band 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-12 (council 11-12); NHS 11-12

Marko Jovanovic: Spanish Club 9-10

Keith Michael Junker

Andy Justak: Football 9-11

Jennifer Kalina: CEC 9-12 (class pres. 9-12);

NHS 11-12; Track 10-11; Drama Club 10-12;

Speech/Debate 9-10; NFL 9-10; Thespians

11-12; Cross Country 11; Project X 9 (vice

pres. 9)

tuning IN

SENIORS

SHARE VARIED

INTERESTS IN

WHAT THEY

TUNE IN AND

WHAT THEY

TUNE OUT

With 197 seniors surveyed, good ol' rock and roll topped the charts of the most popular music. They favored radio station (96.3), although rap earned to a third place standing.

top of the charts

1. Rock (94)
2. Alternative (93)
3. Rap (91)
4. Pop (58)
5. Oldies (33)

top of the charts

1. B96 (93)
2. 101.9 (85)
3. 101.1 (65)
4. 94.7 (41)
5. 97.9 (40)

bottom— bottom—

1. Foreign (1)
2. Drum N' Bass (1)
3. Freestyle (1)
4. Industrial (1)
5. Latin (1)

1. 87.9 (1)
2. 96.7 (1)
3. 97.1 (1)
4. 750 am (1)
5. 1080 am (1)

197 seniors surveyed

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flash back

While senior girls adjust the music, Laura Hernandez, senior, glares at boys in leisure suits for spirit day. Girls wore 80's clothes while carrying a boombox with Debbie Gibson tunes.



Neha Kansal: Speech/Debate 9; NFL 9;
Spanish Club 9, 11-12; Drama Club 11;
SADD 9, 11-12; Tennis 9-11; Women's
Ensemble 11-12; NHS 11-12
Joe Kelley
Minhaj Khaja: Tennis 11-12
Joe Kiszienia: Football 9-12
Krista Klawinski



Kristi Knight
Don Koschnitzky: Cross Country 9-12;
Wrestling 9-10; Track 9-12
Zachary Kosenka
Anna Maria Kozłowska: Marching Band 9-12;
Spanish Club 10-11; NHS 11-12; Wind
Ensemble 11-12; Tennis 10; Speech/Debate
10-11
Aaron F. Kras: Football 9-11



Kevin Joseph Kress: Concert Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Drama Club 9-12; German Club 9-12; NHS 11-12
Jennifer Leigh Kula: French Club 9-10, 12; Drama Club 10; Track 10
Audrey Ellyce Kutas: Band 10-12; Jazz Ensemble 10-12; Mixed Ensemble 12; Orchestra 12; Musical 9-10, 12; Astronomy Club 11; SADD 9, 12
Traci Lynn Kutlik: Tennis 10; German Club 9; Drama Club 10; Spanish Club 11
Melissa Kvarla: DECA 9

Kathryn Suzanne Lanzillo: Soccer 9-12; Drama Club 9-12; NHS 11-12; French Club 9-12; Video Club 10; Basketball 9; Track 9; Band 9-12; Orchestra 11-12; Thespians 11-12
Matthew Rus Lauder milk: Swimming 10; Golf 9-10; CFC 9
Tara Marie LaValley: Drama Club 9-12; French Club 9-12; Musical 9; Golf 9-10; Women's Ensembles 9-10
Cheong S. Lee: Orchestra 9-10; French Club 11-12
Jeffrey A. Lee: Swimming 9-12; German Club 9-12; NHS 11-12

Amanda Liningher
Janna E. Lorenzen: Poms 10-12 (capt. 12); French Club 9-12; Track 9; NHS 11-12; Ensembles 10-12; Musical 10
Amy Los: Tennis 10; Spanish Club 10-11 (pres. 11); NHS 11-12
Nicholas Lucas
Shaun D. Lucas: CEC 12; German Club 10-11; DECA 11-12

Svetlana Maksimovich: Band 10-11; Softball 10; Spanish Club 12
Jasmina Maksovic: Project X 9; SADD 9; French Club 9-12; DECA 12; Drama Club 11-12
David Mangus: Drama Club 9-12 (pres. 12); Musical 9-12; Football 11; Thespian 9-12
Brian Marschak: Football 9-12; Project X 12
Patricia Martin: Pep Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; German Club 12; NHS 11-12

Megan Mask: Track 9-12; Spanish Club 9; German Club 11-12; Choir 11-12; Student Government 10

Dan Maurer: Football 9; Basketball 9; Baseball 9; Swimming 10-12; German Club 11

Anthony McCullough: Jazz Band 10-11; Band 9-11; German Club 9-12; Soccer 11; Musical 11

SanDee McCutchen
Nicole Marie McDermott: CEC 10-11; Student Government 12; Spanish Club 11; Homecoming Court 12

Dorian Menchaca
Erik Merkell: Football 9-12
Heidi Meyer: German Club 9-12 (trav. 10, sec. 11); Astronomy Club 11; Drama Club 9; Concert Band 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Wind Ensemble 10-12; Jazz Band 10-11
Fred Mikler
Caroline Grace Miller: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12); Student Government 9-11; Musical 10, 12

new senior

PERSPECTIVE

COMING
FROM AS FAR
AS INDIA AND
MEXICO,
SENIORS
IMMERSE
THEMSELVES
IN NEW
ENVIRONMENT

"I had been at Munster for five months when I was interviewed. I came from Mexico. I went back home Dec. 23. I liked the school, but the people were bad with me. 'You're coming from another country. You don't know the language.' I already graduated at home.

The teaching style was the same, but the classes were different. I had 11 classes first semester. There was Photography and Drama. There I didn't

have fun classes. My first impression was that people were kind of mean, but I changed my mind after a little while. I knew some who were nice."

-Anna Garcia, senior

"I came in middle April of '98. I used to go to large school in South Holland. I liked the technology. The school I came from didn't have Internet access. Munster had a safer feeling. It was easier to make friends because I saw the same people in all of my classes.

-Andrew Zuick, senior

"I came from India. I had only been here for six months in March. Here, it was better than in India because the people and teachers were nicer. They helped me. I was told how bad it was here because of gangs and violence, and I was nervous. I was surprised. It wasn't like that at all."

-Abhishek Mandhana, senior

"I came to Munster from Andrean for my senior year. People were nice to me when I first came, and they continued to be nice to me. There were a lot of nice people at Munster. It was easy to meet other people unlike at my old school. My teachers, and other students were nice. I liked it at Munster."

-Sara Hom, senior



Book search

In search of a book for his *Tinker vs. Des Moines* paper, Andrew Zuick, senior, pulls a few from the shelf, during his sixth hour Government class. "I liked my classes. They flowed really well," Andrew said.

Say cheese

Patiently waiting for the photographer to adjust the controls and focus the camera, Anna Garcia, senior, poses for a picture in photography class.



Ed P. Mitchener: Baseball 9-10; Spanish Club 9-12; Drama Club 9-12; German Club 9-12; Football 9-10;
Madeleine Elizabeth Mogle: Tennis 9-10; Drama 12
Nick Monteleone: Football 9-12; DECA 11-12
Bonnie Jean Morris: DECA 10-12; French Club 9-12; Project X 9; SADD 9-10; Track 9
Kevin Morrissey: Soccer 11; Band 10-12; Golf 9-10; French Club 9-11

David Conrad Mulcahy: Football 9; SADD 9-10; Spanish Club 9-10; Drama Club 10-11
Kira A. Muskin: Softball 9-10; Volleyball 9
Michelle Myszak: Volleyball 9; Track 10-11; SADD 12; Project X 12; Spanish Club 11-12
Sarah Najamuddin: ACC 10-12; Speech 10-11; NFL 10; SADD 9
Sarah Elizabeth Nelson: Diving 9,12; Cheerleading 11-12; Women's Ensembles 12; Musical 9-10,12; French Club 9-10





Jeremy Newman: Baseball 11-12
Christopher Noble: ACC 10-12; Drama Club 12
Adam R. Noel: Football 9-12; Baseball 9-12; Wrestling 9; German Club 11 12,
Eileen Rose Norris: Basketball 9; Cross Country 9-12 (capt. 12) Track 9 12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12; Wind Ensemble 10-12; Band 9-12
Matthew Robert Novotney: Speech/Debate 9-11

Matthew J. Nykiel: Soccer 10-12
Cori Oprinovich: Speech/Debate 9-10; Drama Club 11-12; Crier 11 12 (Opinion Ed. 11, Design Ed. 12); NHS 11-12; IU 1 Honors 11; Musical 10; NFL 9-10; Soccer 9-12
Christine O'Shea: Drama Club 11-12; French Club 9-11; SADD 12; Project X 12
Allison Paliga: French Club 9 10, Thespian 11-12, Musical 12
Jaclyn Marie Palos: CEC 9-12, NHS 11-12; Softball 9-10; Volleyball 9-10 (co-capt. 10); Spanish Club 11; Homecoming Court 12

Katarina Pamucar
Janet E. Papendick: Band 9-10; German Club 9-12; French Club 10
Ruchi Parikh: Drama Club 9; Spanish Club 12; ACC 11
John W. Parr: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); Soccer 10-11; NHS 11-12; French Club 9-12; German Club 11-12; Astronomy Club 11
Erik Patel: Band 9-12; NHS 11-12

John F. Penrose Jr.
Ariane L. Peralta: Band 9-12 (Section Leader 11-12); Wind Ensemble 9, 12; Jazz Band 10-12; NHS 11-12 (sec. 12); CEC 9, 11 (treas. 9, 11); Student Government 10, 12; Orchestra 12; Spanish Club 9-11; German Club 11 12; Drama Club 12, Musical 11
Dario Perdomo Jr.: Basketball 9; Drama Club 11-12; Thespian 11-12; Spanish Club 11-12
Pamela L. Perrine: DECA 12; Spanish Club 9-11
Christopher Pfister

Gorana Pistalo
Vladimir Pistalo
Nathan Pleitner
Ryan S. Pociask: Swimming 9-12
Laura Jane Polutnik: Spanish Club 11, German Club 11; Drama Club 12; NHS 11-12; Women's Ensemble 11-12; Musical 11-12; IU Honors 11; Speech/Debate 11

Amy Jo Pykosz: Basketball 9-10; SADD 11-12; Band 9-12
Tony Qualls: Wrestling 9; Track 9; Football 10; Band 9-11; Orchestra 11; Jazz Band 10-11; DECA 12 (pres. 12); German Club 9-12
Jonathan Lance Radbel: Football 9; Basketball 9
Mira Radjevic: Tennis 10, 12; French Club 10; DECA 11-12 (hist. 12); Drama Club 12
Palwasha Rahmany

box office MANIA

FAR OFF
PLACES,
HISTORICAL
EVENTS
SHAPE LIVES
THROUGH
MOVIES

Smells of buttered popcorn accost students as they walk through the glass doors of ShowPlace 16, and the feel of sticky floors beneath student's feet make the movie experience one of a kind.

Whether watching movies on the silver screen or at home in their own living rooms, students enjoyed favorite movies time and time again.

movies that made you

1. Titanic (19)
2. Armageddon (18)
3. Stepmom (11)
4. Patch Adams (10)
5. What Dreams May Come (7)

1. Halloween H2O (26)
2. Urban Legends (23)
3. I Still Know What You Did Last Summer (9)
4. Scream 2 (13)
5. 8mm (2)

1. There's Something About Mary (57)
2. Waterboy (25)
3. Rush Hour (11)
4. Office Space (8)
5. Half Baked (6)

1. 8mm (10)
2. Halloween H2O (5)
3. Urban Legends (5)
4. There's Something About Mary (4)
5. Titanic (3)

197 seniors surveyed

coming soon

Checking the boards outside ShowPlace 16 theater, Mike Sufana, senior, makes sure the

show times are correct. "I got the job, because I loved movies," Mike said. "I could just sit and watch movies all day."



Jonathan Ramos

Shilpa Rane: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12 (vice pres. 12); Orchestra 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Student Government 10-12; Spanish Club 10-11; German Club 11-12
Mena M. Rizk: Football 9; DECA 11-12; French Club 9; SADD 11-12
Justin Robledo
Robert L. Rothschild: Tennis 9-12; Golf 9-12; Basketball 9-10; German Club 11-12

Rachel Marie Rubino

Joseph D. Ryan: Golf 9-12; DECA 12; French Club 9-10
Joseph A. Rybarczyk: Drama Club 9-12 (sec.), Student Director 12; Band 9-12; Wind Ensemble 11-12; NHS 11-12; German Club 9-12, Crier 11-12
Adam J. Samara: Tennis 9-11; Baseball 9; Drama 10; Track 10-11; Paragon 11-12 (Head Photographer 12); NHS 11-12; Quill & Scroll 12 (Membership Chairperson 12)
Nancy Samardzija: Tennis 10; DECA 11-12 (sec. 12)



Seniors

Josh Sands: Wrestling 9; Football 9
 Saima Satti
 Tiffany N. Saunders: Project X 9; Drama
 Club 9; Women's Ensemble 11
 Daniel B. Schmid: Football 9-12; Soccer 9-
 12; Baseball 9-12; NHS 11-12; Basketball 9
 Christina Schmidt

Chris Schneider: Speech 9; NHS 11-12.
 Football Manager 9-12; Athletic Trainer 9-
 12; ACC 9-12 (sec., treas. 12)

Kate Lily Schoen: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12);
 Scholar Athlete 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-12;
 Mixed Ensemble 10-12; Drama Club 9-12,
 Musical 9, 11-12; NHS 11-12

Jacob K. Schoon: Band 9-12, Orchestra 11;
 ACC 9-11

Alison Joy Schumacher: Tennis 9-12; Mixed
 Ensemble 10-12; CEC 9-10, 12; Musical 9-12;
 NHS 11-12, Speech/Debate 9-10

Erik Schwertfeger

Kathryn Scully

Andy Sellers: Soccer 9-11; DECA 9-12;
 Astronomy Club 9-12

Scott E. Senchak: Student Government 9, 11;
 German Club 9-12; Mixed Ensemble 11-12;
 Jazz Band 9-12; Wind Ensemble 9-10, Band
 9-10;

Hiral Shah: Speech/Debate 9-12 (vice pres.
 12); NHS 11-12 (pres. 12); Spanish Club 9-12;
 CEC 9 (vice pres. 9); Student Government
 12; Project X 9-11; SADD 9-
 10, Salutatorian 12

Mark Shearman: Football 9-10; Basketball
 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12

Aaron M. Sikich: Golf 9-12

Nicole Skeans

Amanda Sleeper: Spanish Club 9-11; Drama
 Club 11-12

Elizabeth Ann Sliwa: Basketball 9; Softball
 9-11; Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 9-10, 12)

Frederick D. Smith: German Club 9-12

Stacey Renee Smith: Basketball 9-12 (capt.
 12); Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); *Paragon* 11-12
 (Associate Ed. 12); Softball 10

Valerie Marie Smith: German Club 9-12;
 Project X 9, 12; SADD 9

Kristen Marie Spitz: Marching Band 9-12;
 Concert Band 9-12; Spanish Club 9; Track
 10-12; German Club 11-12; DECA 12

Ann Marie Spolnik: Volleyball 9-10;
 Spanish Club 9-11; DECA 12

Jenny Lynn Spolnik: Swimming 9-10;
 Diving 11-12; Track 9; Art Club 12 (vice pres.
 12)

Prabhakar Srivastava

Sarah Starewicz

Jaime K. Stennis: Swimming 9-11; Softball
 9-11; Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 11-12

Alex Stone

James Stout: Golf 9-10

down to the last

FROM STAMP AND SHELL COLLECTING TO SPORTS, STUDENTS SPEND TIME DEVELOPING INTERESTS

"I loved to collect post cards. Whenever someone went on vacation, I had them send me a post card. I had 37 and I used to keep them on my mirror, but I couldn't see myself anymore so I had to take all of them down."

-Sarah Najammuddin, senior

"I had been cooking for all my life. I had to cook my own meals, because I happened to be the only vegetarian currently living in my house."

-Scot Goldyn, senior.



color creation

Intent on finishing his project, Bob Zivanovic, senior, works with oil pastels. AP Studio Art exposed students to a variety of media.

directing dream

With a vision in his mind, Joe Rybarczyk, senior, adjusts his camera to film a video extra credit project. "I planned to study film in college," Joe said.

DETAIL

"I played soccer with my sister. When she went to college, we didn't get to see much of each other, so it was a way to spend more time together."

-Melissa Kvarta, senior

"I had 17 bottles of Tobasco sauce. Every time I went to eat at Boston Market, I took one. It was a tradition."

-Kara Argus, senior

"I went bowling all the time, but then baseball started to take up most of my time, and I couldn't go as much. I could only go around once a week."

-Adam Noel, senior

"I would get together with my friends to play video games. We decided what games to bring and spent the whole night playing games and eating pizza, which was more fun than it sounds."

-Chris Schneider, senior

"I biked a lot. I thought it was a good way to get into shape, because you got to be outside. It was something different. I used to go to some trails in Lansing and Highland. I also went mountain biking, and in the summer I went on 50-mile bike rides."

-Jim Strain, senior

"I liked camping and hiking a lot. I went to all the usual camping places. I liked getting away from life and people. It was a stress relief type of thing."

-Kevin Kress, senior



James W. Strain: Band 9-12; *Crier* 11; German Club 10-12; NHS 11-12
Mike Sufana: ACC 10-12; Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-10; Wind Ensemble 10-12; NHS 11-12; Jazz Ensemble 11-12; Musical 10-12
Thomas Summers: Jazz Band 10-12; Drama Club 10-12; Spanish Club 10-11; Thesplan 11-12; Band 9-11; Orchestra 11-12; NHS 11-12; Auditorium Staff 12
Nicholas William Sumner: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10-11 (Section Leader 11)
Rich Sun
Jason Susoreny
David G. Tabion: Basketball 9; Track 9-10; Band 11; CEC 11-12; NHS 11-12; Jazz Band 11
Kevin D. Talbot: Baseball 9; Football 9-10,12; DECA 12; Basketball 9; Spanish Club 9
Greg Thayer: Orchestra 9-12; ACC 9-12; NHS 11-12; Speech 9-11; German Club 11-12; Astronomy Club 11
Melissa Kathryn Thevenin: NHS 11-12; Band 9-11; Wind Ensemble 9-11; Jazz Ensemble 9-12; German Club 9-12



Seniors



Eric Tomeo: Drama Club 10-12; German Club 9-12 (sec. 12); Mixed Ensembles 12
 Melissa Amelia Trevino: DECA 12
 Ruben Trevino
 Jeff Tsai: Marching Band 9-12 (Section Leader 11-12); Jazz Band 9-12 (Lead Trumpet 12); Wind Ensemble 9-12 (Section Leader 12); German Club 10-12; Japanese Club 9; Track 9-10; Drama Club 12, Mixed Ensemble 11-12; Musical 11-12; NHS 11-12
 Andy Turke

Sasa Vasic: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10-12; German Club 9-12 (treas. 12); Drama Club 9-12 (hist. 12); Musical 12; Thespian 11-12, Speech/Debate 9-12; NFL 9-12
 Greg A. Vaughn
 Patricia Sydney Victor: Spanish Club 9-10; Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Pop Band 9-12; Orchestra 11-12; Drama Club 9-12; Thespian 11-12; Musical 12
 Steve Voukidis
 Julie Anne Wadyck: SADD 10-12 (vice pres. 12); Project X 11-12 (vice pres. 11-12); Spanish Club 11-12; Drama Club 10-12
 Abigail Lynn Wallace: SADD 10-12 (vice pres. 10-12); NHS 11-12; Track 9-12 (co-capt. 11-12); Marching Band 9-12; Homecoming Court 12; Spanish Club 9-10; Speech/Debate 9; Peer Mediator 10-11
 Meaghan Irene Ward: DECA 12
 Daniel S. Watson: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); Scholar Athlete 12; Basketball 9, CEC 11-12 (sec. 12); NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 11; DECA 12; Hoosier Boys' State 11
 Todd Watson: Swimming 9-12; Band 9-11; NHS 11-12
 Matthew Weaver

Aaron Weinberg: Golf 9-10, French Club 9-10
 Dave Wendell: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; NHS 11-12
 Rebecca Wong
 Holly J. Wujek: Softball 9-10; Marching Band 9-12; Concert Band 9-12; Spanish Club 9, 11; SADD 11 (vice pres. 11); Project X 11
 Bob Yamtich: Cross Country 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; Track 9-12; ACC 9-12; NHS 11-12; Drama Club 12

Elaine Yannakopoulos: Soccer 10; Tennis 9-11; Spanish Club 9-11; DECA 11-12
 Amanda J. Zagorski: Band 9-12; Wind Ensemble 9-12; Jazz Band 10-12 (Squad Leader 10-12); German Club 11 12, NHS 11 12; Mixed Ensemble 12
 Greg S. Zeck: Speech/Debate 9-12 (treas. 11, pres. 12); Tennis 9-12; Student Government 11-12 (vice pres. 12); National Merit Finalist 12; Valedictorian 12
 Jim Zekis: German Club 11-12
 Slobodan Zivanovic: Football 9-10; Art Club 11-12; German Club 11-12
 Amanda Jane Zivich: Band 9-12 (Drum Major 12); French Club 10-11; German Club 9-12; NHS 11-12
 Milan Zubic
 Andrew Zuick

Sean Adley
Amy Adoba
Patrick Aerts
Amanda Aguilera
Daniel Aldulescu
Steve Ashby
Edward Bacon
Candice Baker

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Carrie Balzer
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Christopher Baut

Ryan Beemer
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Nina Bilimoria
Zal Bilimoria

Adriann Bishop
Shawn Blue
Joshua Bochnowski
Crystal Bogs
James Bohling
Ryan Booth
Joseph Born
Christina Bovara

Amanda Bowers
Adam Branson
Robert Brenner
Doug Brown
Eric Bukowski
Ryan Bulan
Kristie Bullock
Joanne Burkat



WITH RED INDIANA DRIVER'S LICENSES ADDED TO WALLETS, JUNIORS ENCOUNTER DRIVING BLOOPERS

in the drive

"I was going 25 mph in the Jewel parking lot. Three WWMS cheerleaders were next to the car, and this girl just darted out and her face smashed against my passenger side window. The drink she was holding spilled all over the side of my car. I just left, I didn't know what to do."

-Ellen Smith, junior

"The first time I drove a car I would speed up really fast and slam down on the brakes. I gave my friend whiplash."

-Adriana Medynsky, junior

"I was backing out of a driveway going like 30 (mph), and I hit a telephone pole at the end of the driveway. The back end was all bashed in. I had to pay for the damages, and it was really expensive."

-Aaron Barnes, junior

"It was a street that had cars parked on both sides. I didn't think I was that close to the car, but I scraped the side of someone's truck with my side mirror."

-Britany Stasiak, junior

"I was still driving with my parents. My dad said I had to know by now what to do after driver's ed, but I was stupid and didn't pay attention in driver's ed. I ignored the red light and I almost hit three cars by making a right turn. It was my third day driving."

-Nick DeBoer, junior

"I put the car into drive instead of reverse, and I almost ran into the brick wall of Dairy Queen."

-Sarah Susoreny, junior

"I was looking at a bum sitting on the side of the road by Bieker Woods, and I almost hit the guy in front of me."

-Nick Kubacki, junior



David Byttow
Patrick Caillies
Kristina Canic
Elizabeth Carlin
Noreen Casor
Rachael Chemerinsky
Fun Cho
Joseph Chocholek

Megan Chynoweth
Steven Ciric
Adam Cohen
Amy Conover
Cheryl Crum
Jenny Dalhoumi
Brian Daniels
Niki Dausch

Kevin Davidson
Mathew DeBoer
Nicholas DeBoer
Jessica De Giulio
Danielle De Laney
Danielle Dellorto
Jonathan Depa
Tom De Pirro

Erin DeVries
Sarah Diamond
Michelle Di Costanzo
Daniel Diombala
Jenny Doescher
Anne Domaesica
Evan Drillias
Therese Dristas

Natalie Dudzik
Kari Dumakowski
Erin Dunn
Erin Egnatz
Benjamin Fabert
Janice Florczak
Ryan Florek
Joseph Flores



done deal

After school in the south parking lot, Terry Specyal, junior, prepares to leave after a long day. "One time I was at Southlake Mall," Terry said. "I bumped and moved the car next to me a whole foot over."

cracked up

Following the vandalism of his car, Brandon McCarley, junior, checks the rear windshield. "I was devastated," Brandon said. "I couldn't understand why anyone would've wanted to hurt an innocent bug (his car)."

STUDENTS
LEARN FIRST
HAND VALUES
OF LIFE
THROUGH
ACTUAL
HARDSHIPS,
EXPERIENCES,
AND TASKS

sink or swim

Spawled out on his bed, Mark Olley, junior, realized that he had homework to do. He had already prepared for his Speech and Debate meet on Saturday and went through three hours of play practice.

Familiarized with starting homework late at night, Mark opened his U.S. History book and began to write his essays.

"I tried to do my homework, but I found that it was extremely difficult to do it because I was so tired after a long day of extracurriculars," Mark said.

Juniors took on responsibilities that required time and effort including working at a local restaurant, running various errands and arriving at practice in time to ensure running no extra laps.

In addition to those jam-packed schedules, jobs provided money for students who wanted to save up for a car or have cash for dinner or the movies.

"A job was a big responsibility because you had to pay for a lot more things," Karen Lorenzen, junior, said. "I had to pay for my phone bill and anything else I wanted to save up for."

Owning a car meant additional responsibilities than just driving. Priorities included paying for gas,

insurance and the actual machinery. They gained experience about driving by getting behind the wheel.

"I have learned that driving a car was not a game," Mark said. "I used to think it was all a whole lot easier when you had a car, and while it made life easier, it took an increase in responsibility."

Juniors with vehicles meant carting younger brothers and sisters around. Kyle Spear, junior, often found himself picking up his freshman sister Julie from practices or from a friend's house.

"I hated taking my sister places," Kyle said. "My parents didn't feel like doing it, so I had to do it."

Students not only gave siblings rides, but they found time to play video games or watch movies with them instead of going out that night.

"Ever since my father died, I had to help my mom out more with work around the house and with my younger brother," Tim Siukola, junior, said. "I had to take out the garbage, clean my room, wash the dishes and help my brother with his homework."

Whether receiving a standing ovation for the play, paying off for hours of practicing, driving a new Mustang, or rushing to work to avoid being late, increased responsibilities forced juniors to learn about qualities of life and gain freedom.



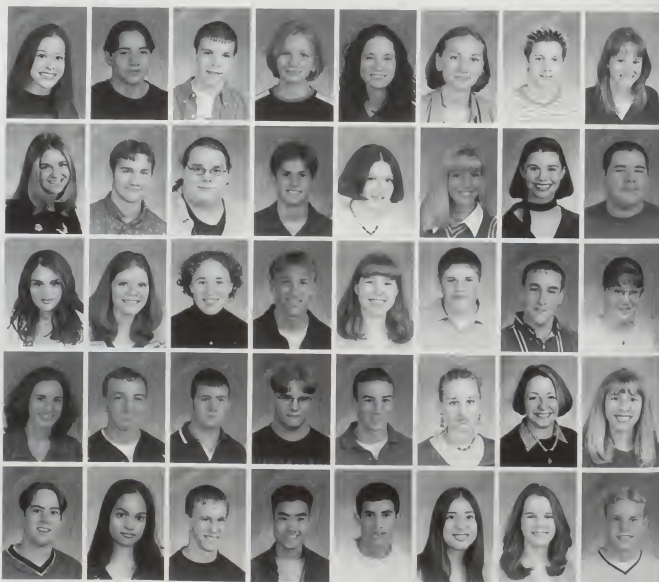
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Juniors



splish splash

To help children, Meaghan Lober, junior, teaches a swimming class at WWMS. "I enjoyed teaching what I loved," Meaghan said.

brotherly love

Cruising down Mt. Trashmore, Terry Specyal, junior, and his brother spend time together. "I taught him how to grow up the right way, to play sports and to snowboard," Terry said.



Danella Jaksich
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Kathy Mueller
Damian Murks
Lee Nadolski

Meredith Nelson
Margaret Nolan
Jonathan Nourie
James Nuzzo
John O'Block
Mark Olley
Carolyn Oosterbaan
Timothy Orcutt



silent studying

Focused on vocabulary, Terryn Funston, junior, stays after school. "I bury myself in word and just forget," Terryn said.

hide under a hat

Chatting about the weekend juniors John O'Block and Matt Gralewski eat sandwiches. "I escape with friends because they don't judge me," Matt said.

Juniors





Priya Pat
Christopher Palma
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Brooke Pawola
Lindsey Penman
Steven Persic
Steven Pesich

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Ralph Schwandt
Brian Serrano
Poonam Shah
Bradley Shapiro
Ryan Sherron
Jason Shin

break away

"Sometimes I went to the park because it seemed like nothing there could hurt or bother me."

-Kelly Metz, junior

"My room because I'm all alone, and also Drama because its something I enjoyed doing."

-Jason Vargo, junior

"I went in my room, just turned the music up really loud and just sat there,"

-Heather Kitlowski, junior

"Swim practice or track practice because I could usually work all the tension out of my system,"

-Mike Borkowski, junior

"I went to my basement cranked my guitar and gave the finger to whatever was bothering me."

-Dan Aldulescu, junior

"I went to sleep because the everyday world made me tired,"

-Michelle DiCostanzo, junior

"Before I moved I went to my room, now I drive wherever I can to get away from the house,"

-Rachel Ispis, junior

"Online because I could talk to my friends and other people,"

-Margaet Schaum, junior

"I went to sleep because then I didn't have anything on my mind at all,"

-Derrick Schimming, junior

"A pool hall because it's the only place no one knows me and I can do what ever I want,"

-Crystal Boggs, junior

"I went to Round the Clock because all my friends went usually there,"

-Brooke Palowa, junior

Madderom-Shin

snack attack

Pretzels in hand, Megan Chynoweth, junior, eats a light lunch. "I tried eating healthy when I did eat," Megan said.



water boy

Instead of lining up for pop after school, Mike Piorkowski, junior, purchases bottled water. Mike chose water rather than pop after a workout to replenish liquids.



Bethany Shutko
Kachael Simpson
Edna Situ
Timothy Siukola
Jacob Skelton
Jovica Skorier
Stephen Sleeper
Zorana Slijivar



Angela Smith
Ellen Smith
Steven Smith
Lynn Smosna
Elyse Soto
Dawn Sparling
William Spear
Terry Specyal



Mary Spomar
Brittany Stasiak
Michelle Stenger
Milosh Stojanovic
Marc Stojkovich
Jason Stuebe
Josh Sudbury
Miles Sullivan



Sara Sultana
Sarah Susoreny
Katherine Szumlanski
Kathryn Taber
Steven Takacs
Dana Talbot
Christine Thiera
Matthew Thompson



health craze

Head propped up on her arm, Iris Insurriaga, junior, struggled to concentrate on studying for her U.S. History test while her stomach growled. Rather than eating Doritos and the usual study junk food to satisfy her hunger, Iris picked up her coat and keys and headed out the door to Subway.

Juniors made efforts to eat healthy. Whether opting for deli bar instead of pizza or taking time to prepare a nutritious breakfast, students turned their thoughts to what their bodies craved. However, students took on extra responsibilities causing them to prioritize their schoolwork and social lives rather than their nutrition.

"Healthy eating became as important as my schedule would allow it to become," Bethany Shutko, junior, said. "If I had a lot of time on my hands, then, of course, it was important. If not, then whatever I could find time to eat would have to do."

Athletically inclined juniors focused on eating or dieting during their respective seasons. Swimmers increased their consumption during the winter months in order to boost their energy. Wrestlers found themselves dieting to fit into lower weight classes.

"I lost 25 pounds in one month at the beginning of the (wrestling) season," Chris Hunt, junior, said. "I ate, but I cut down on everything I ate."

Juniors devoured their favorite foods to commemorate all kinds of activities, from receiving a desired grade in a class, to obtaining a driver's license, to finishing the research paper. Whether students chose sweets, junk food, fruits, or gyros, a Munster

favorite, they partook in the enjoyment the food signified in their lives.

"I would go to Taco Bell," Zal Billimoria, junior, said. "There was something for everyone. You could have burritos one day and Mexican pizza the next day. It was for vegetarians and for meat lovers; it satisfied both tastes."

Rushing in the morning to arrive at school on time, those students who could not find time to eat either skipped breakfast altogether or grabbed something small to snack on as they whisked out the door. However, stricter rules regarding the consumption of food in the school building turned effective with the opening of the year. The rule, meant to lessen the amount of damage done to new carpets and desks, restricted all eating to the food court. However, depending on the leniency of the teachers involved, juniors managed to keep up with in between snacks every once in awhile when desired.

"The new food rule didn't really affect me," Jim Rebesco, junior, said. "I didn't eat much during school, and most of my teachers didn't care."

Ready for the test, Iris slammed her book shut as she reached over to finish the last remaining bites of her sub sandwich. Choosing a healthier alternative instead of Oreos, Nutty Bars or McDonald's french fries, juniors kept fat intake under control.

CONSUMING
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ON A HEALTHY
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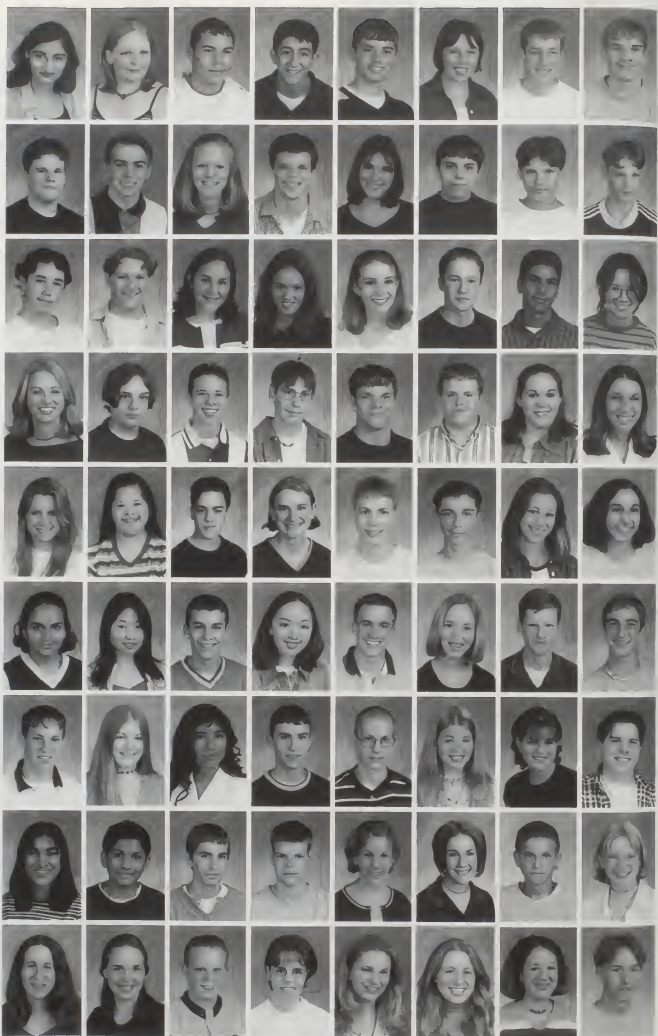
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power play

"If girls ruled the world, there would be less problems. If guys ruled, everything would be disorganized and a mess."

-Tiffany Brown, sophomore

"If girls ruled, there would be less problems because guys are the cause of girls' problems."

-Amy Dungey, sophomore

"If guys ruled the world, there would be a whole lot of pregnant women."

-Katie Gluek, sophomore

"If girls ruled the world, all men would be our slaves. If guys ruled the world, women would become slaves to men. Women would have to clean the house naked."

-Sarah Sands, sophomore

"If girls ruled the world, I would become a sex slave. If guys ruled the world, 'Hooters' would become the national restaurant, and there would be no age to get into a strip club."

-J.P. Roman-Lagunas, sophomore

"If girls ruled the world, it would be a lot cleaner. If guys ruled the world, football would be all year long."

-Justin Ionita, sophomore

"If girls ruled the world, things would be different and screwed up because it would have to be their way or the highway. If guys ruled the world, it would be like it already is because we rule the world already."

-Sean Greenya, sophomore



group involvement

Passing out flyers, Laura Dunn, sophomore, discusses an upcoming Jewish youth group event with fellow members, sophomores Jill Horn and Jonathan Friedman.

partners in crime

Working together in a lab, sophomores Roman Teller and Lisa Pleitner weigh elements. "Lisa and I have been best friends forever," Roman said. "A lot of the time she was in charge, and I just let her."

Abbas-Flores

Johnny Flores
Joseph Flores
Meghan Franciski
Colleen Frazier
Jonathan Friedman
Terry Funston
Holly Furtek
Kelly Gajewski
Sonya Garcia
Jennifer Gaskill
Katie Gephart
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Ryan Kula
Marcie Kwasman
Amber LaReau
Blake Larkins
Natalie Lauerman
Shawna Lawrence
Joann Lee

Brian Lerner
Suzanne Leverenz
Becky Liningar
April Loving
Denis Lowe
Christy Macak
Joseph Mack
Paul Marchese
Carolyn Marinier



close rivals

PAST THE
FUN AND
GAMES,
SIBLINGS
FACE
COMPETITION
FROM
SPORTS, TO
SCHOOL AND
BEYOND

Ever since she was young, Cassy Palowitz, sophomore, learned to deal with being treated differently than her brother. Not only was Mikey, her brother, the baby of the family, but also an asthmatic. Although she watched out for him, she felt frustrated as sometimes he got away with too much.

Whether the oldest or youngest child, or somewhere in between, students took on the role as "big brother" or "little sister." Although sometimes rewarding, they knew their jobs consisted of more than

just fun and games.

"My brother got favored because he was the baby," Cassy said. "It made me so angry because he got to do so much more than I did when he was my age."

Students found themselves dealing with more than parental treatment and their home life. Healthy competition proved beneficial for athletes as well as they helped push one another to do their best, and tried to escape from embarrassment.

"I always tried to beat my sister in swimming," Sean Greenya, sophomore,

said. "She was two years older than me, and if I lost, I would never hear the end of it from her, her friends or the swim team."

Moving beyond the frustrations and favoritism, students found the brighter side to the role of "big brother" or "little sister." Whether in and out of school, home, or sports, students learned that more existed past the arguments and fights. They found that competition and rivalry could be healthy and beneficial while strengthening their relationship as well.



sister, sister

Meeting in the Commons after school, Beth Sliwa, senior, and sister Katie, sophomore, gather their belongings before heading to their car. "It was hard to share the car because we always needed it for different things," Katie said, "and everytime I got the car it was on 'E.'"

play by play

Focused on an intense game of Madden '99 on PlayStation, Amanda Greenya, senior, and her brother Sean, sophomore, pass time before dinner. "Our family thought it was important to eat dinner together so we knew what was happening in our lives," Sean said.



Flores-Mariner

talk of town

"I gossiped, but sometimes gossip was so outlandish. The people who actually believed it needed a reality check."

-April Komendat, sophomore

"I just listened to gossip: I tried not to get involved because if it came back to you, you always got in trouble."

-Anna Przybysz, sophomore

"If something sounded like gossip, I tried not to listen to it. Eventually the truth came up anyways."

-Ashley Porta, sophomore

"Generally, gossip wasn't a good thing, especially spreading rumors. If the rumor was something good, it was ok. Overall, I tried not to gossip."

-Christine Blaine, sophomore

"Gossip was a part of high school life. You didn't start it, but you listened to it. It was something

that was just around."

-David Young, sophomore

"I liked reading notes that were left sitting around. I always hoped that maybe my name would be involved in the gossip."

-David Klawinski, sophomore

"A lot of the gossip was made up or was over exaggerated. You passed the stories along to everyone else just to have something to talk about."

-Tiffany Sanders, sophomore

"It could hurt someone because they might tell you something and if you tell their privacy and trust will be confiscated."

-Sonia Chand, sophomore

all stuffed up

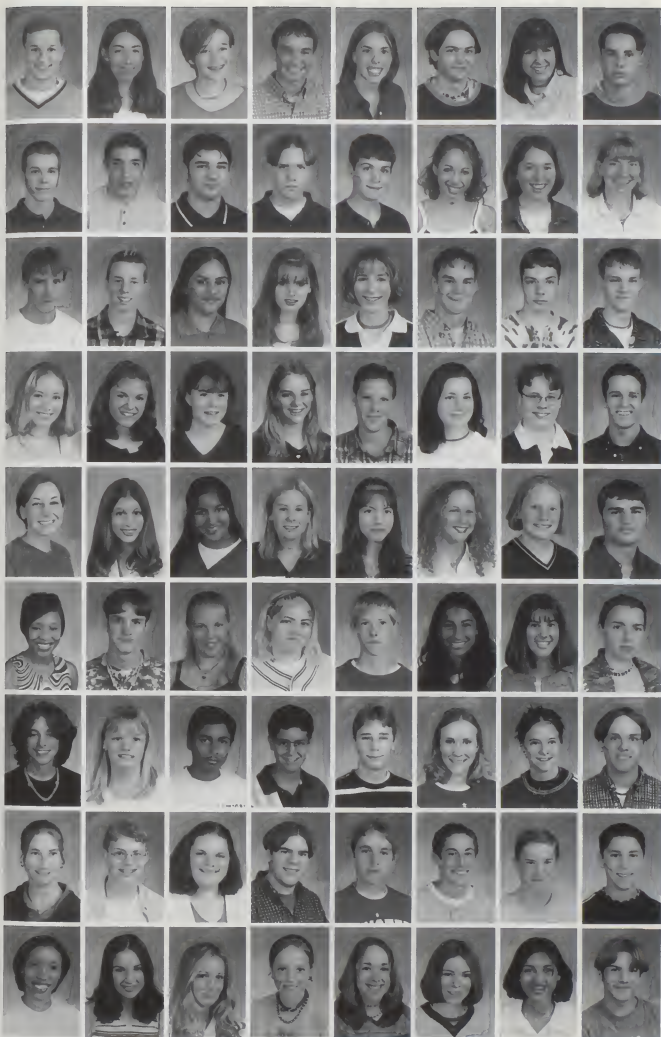
Poofing the tissue paper flowers along the chicken wire, sophomores Jenny Sharp and Rachel Drolen stive to finish the shark float. Sophomores took advantage out-of-school activities to spend time chatting with friends.



Sophomores

WITH
DIFFERENT
RUMORS AND
STORIES
FLYING
ABOUT THE
SCHOOL,
SOPHOMORES
REACT TO
GOSSIPING





Demetra Marinoss
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 Rachel McCain
 Katherine McGill
 Ryan McMahan
 Megan McShane
 Christopher Medwetz
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Poonam Shah
Shardul Shah
Anne Shapiro
Natalie Shapiro



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Kristen Shelton
Asim Sherif
Erick Sherman
Michael Skrundz
Kathryn Sliwa
Jelena Slijvar
Timothy Smaron



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Jennifer Solis
Michelle Sopher
Keith Sorrels
Kathleen Spence
Joyce Stamiris
Martin Stanko



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Dennis Trelnski
Karen Ufnowski



Julie Valand
Peter Vander Sluis
Alex Vargas
Nicholas Varinac
Natalie Vaughn
Kristine Verkaik
Peter Verkaik
John Vroom



Lauren Weichman
Lowell Werner
Pamela Wiers
Kyle Wilbanks
Andrea Williams
Alisa Witherow
Daniel Witting
Sara Wojcik



Jenny Yamtich
Kayte Yerga
David Young
Brett Zagorac
Danielle Zagorski
Michael Zivanovic
Brandy Zukanovich
Andrew Zusman



rule of the road

For years, the typical rite of passage for a 16-year old took the form of a plastic, wallet-sized driver's license. Teenagers lined up at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to earn their ticket to freedom, which announced to the world their independence from the childhood years spent waiting for parents to pick them up.

On Jan. 1, this rite of passage took a bit of a twist for Laura Dunn with the effect of the graduated license law. The law stated that for the first 90 days within receiving a license, the new driver could not drive with passengers unless accompanied by a twenty-one year old. Driving was prohibited after curfew unless driving home from a

religious service or job.

"I thought the law was a good idea, I just wished it would have been passed after I got my license," Laura Dunn, sophomore, said. This made driving with peers and siblings, an impossibility.

Other future drivers found the idea a very arguable point.

"They couldn't really prove it yet whether there were less accidents because not very many people had done the three months thing yet," Lisa Kolar, sophomore, said.

Teens without access to a car possessed a different view.

"I didn't really care because I didn't have a car. When I got a car I could

have just gone places by myself, like fishing, without my parents or other people," Keith Sorrels, sophomore, said.

Extra restrictions on driving caused new drivers to face rules with reluctance.

With a sigh of relief and sweaty palms sophomores bust through the Bureau's doors just in the nick of time. Not all of them made the cutoff though. They accepted the law and abided by it, knowing they couldn't drive if they didn't. With the additional driving time, appreciated the freedom that came with a license.

RECENT,
ADDED
RESTRICTIONS
TEACH
SOPHOMORES
AND CHANGE
THEIR VIEW OF
DRIVING WHILE
TEACHING
THEM VALUE
AND
RESPONSIBILITY



stared stiff

With eyes focused on Mr. Jerry Mazur, the instructor, Meredith Moran, sophomore, and Robert Andrew, senior, listen at Certified Driving School. Extra restrictions of the new law forced sophomores to change old ways.

anxiety attack

Gripping the wheel after school, Jessica Economou, sophomore, prepares to drive with her mom. For at least three months after receiving their license, law required new drivers to drive with an adult for extra practice.

making the point

Perfecting her speech, Evy Watterson, freshman, performs in Mr. Marc Lehnerer's Speech Competition class. By participating in the required speech meets, freshmen got involved with the Speech and Debate team.



Gadeir Abbas
Ashraf Abu-Aita
Jessica Acosta
Monica Aldulescu
Anwar Ali
Nathaniel Angel
Ginger Anthony
Katharine Austgen

Sarah Baker
Nick Bakker
John Balicki
Joshua Balster
Lindsay Baranowski
Andrea Barber
Daniel Barton
Marcia Bazan

Michelle Bembenista
Chris Bengivengo
Christina Bernacchi
Brooke Berry
Kyle Bieda
Robert Bielawski
Jaime Blakeley
Ilene Blumberg

Nicholas Bokowy
Jillian Bonessa
Alexis Boyan
Joshua Bradish
Elizabeth Bradley
Tara Brennan
Eddie Briganti
Nick Bularzik

Jacqueline Burkat
Kathleen Caine
Marcos Campos
Simone Castaneda
Adam Castor
Danny Chambers
Steve Chovanec
Tommy Clark



Freshmen

stretch out

"Freshmen walked too slow, freshmen didn't know where they were going, and freshmen didn't do anything." Generalizations made by upperclassmen reflected their view of freshmen. However, freshmen felt that the stereotypes made about them didn't apply to their lives.

"People said, 'They were stupid, they were naïve, they were weak' just because we were younger," Tim Webb, freshman, said. "But I'm not stupid; I got pretty good grades. And I was in eight clubs and I did three sports, so I was involved in a lot more than some seniors were."

long reach

As she stretches before practice, Christina Guzik, freshman, prepares to swim after school. Christina won two events at Sectionals to earn her place on the State team. Three of Munster's freshmen qualified to swim at the State meet.

Freshmen also heard jokes about their lack of a social life. Freshmen disagreed, saying differences in schedules gave an

untrue picture of how freshmen spent their time outside of school.

"All my older brother's friends thought I had no life," Sarah Kelley, freshman, said. "They thought that because whenever they came over I was home. But I just did stuff with my friends on the weekends, while they did stuff together on weekdays."

Freshmen dealt with upperclassmen's ideas of immaturity and inferiority.

"They thought that we were immature, but I didn't think that fit me," Sara Schoettle, freshman, said. "Everyone does at least one thing that's immature. They thought only freshmen acted that way, but everyone did sometimes," she said.

Whether through playing a sport, going out with friends on a Friday night, or spending time at club activities, freshmen showed that the misconceptions of others proved untrue.

FRESHMEN
PROVE
TRADITIONAL
STEREOTYPES
DON'T APPLY
THROUGH
INVOLVEMENT
IN ACTIVITIES,
SPORTS



Jamilyn Clause
Leonardo Coduti
George Colakovic
Jessica Collinsworth
Mike Comer
Jeffrey Cook
Kellie Creighton
Elizabeth Criswell

Brian Curtis
Samodhi Das
David Dausch
Dorian Davis
Stephanie Davis
Keith Dell'Aquila
Steven Desancic
Andrew DeYoung

Christina Dicostanzo
Megan Dines
Nemanja Djorovic
Nikola Djorovic
Tony Doesburg
Jacky Doescher
Eric Drabenstot
Matthew Drapac

David Dziubczynski
Gregory Eckrich
Lauren Eidam
Elisse Elias
Jake Engelbrecht
Kristen Evans
Ann Fabert
Ray Fandl

Bradley Farnsley
Jenny Fell
Eric Flaris
Jesse Flores
Eric Ford
Rachel Franklin
Joseph Fray
Jeff French

making the grade

Helping freshmen J P Hus, Coleen Summers, and Roger Shieh with geometry, Mr. Steve Wroblewski, mathematics teacher, proves that teachers enjoy interacting with students.

helping hand

By helping Marcos Campos, freshman, with his assignment, Erica Becchino, sophomore, puts aside a common misconception that freshmen don't socialize with older students.



Laura Gabrys
Jordan Ghezzi
Elliott Gibbs
Hillary Gibbs
Megan Gleason
Sharon Goldyn
Elizabeth Grady
Candice Grant

Matthew Grantner
Aaron Gray
Katie Greenock
Rebecca Gribble
Holly Grunewald
Matthew Guanzon
Gayle Guerra
Christina Guzik

David Ha
David Hansen
Edward Harrington
Shannon Harvey
Kyle Hayes
Jenine Herr
Becky Herron
Allen Hill

Brian Hmurovich
Jayne Holly
Timothy Hunt
James Hus
Adam Jadryev
Joseph Jakisch
Ashley Jasevicius
Laura Joens

David Kaplan
Nickita Karalis
Kurt Keil
Kenneth Keilman
Sarah Kelley
Kimberly Kendall
Colin Kern
Nicholas Kikalos



Freshmen

catching on

Making the transition from middle school to high school frightened unsuspecting freshmen. They built up fears from stories they had heard from parents or siblings.

A few tales may have been true, such as the building being larger than the middle school, but for the most part, reality replaced the myths soon after entering the doors.

Top 10 most feared aspects of High School

1. School too big
2. Being mugged in the hallways by the almighty seniors
3. Bad locker location
4. Difficult classwork
5. In over their heads
6. Pressed for time
7. Trying to receive good grades
8. Taking the right classes
9. Fitting in
10. Knowing you'll have to grow up

Ordinary Apprehensions

"I thought I was going to get lost, but I didn't," Michelle Peiguss, freshman, said. "I thought upperclassmen would be more mean to freshman."

"I was expecting teachers to be tough because it was high school," James Olasebikan, freshman, said. "I was scared of the seniors, but if you don't make them mad, they're fine."

"I heard all these rumors that all the classes would be really hard and all the teachers would be mean," Evelyn Watterson, freshman, said. "I've made more friends already than I did all

through middle school."

"I expected the worst from high school," Talia Matury-Vacaro, freshman, said. "I was going to get lost."

"I thought it would be a lot different from the middle school, but it's not," Deepam Rusia, freshman, said. "The seniors were nice. I thought they'd be evil."

"I couldn't find my way out of North, and my first hour class was in South," Elizabeth Bradley, freshman, said. "One of the teachers tried to help me, but they just made me more lost."

LEARNING THE ROPES, FRESHMEN PUT ASIDE COMMON MYTHS, CONCERNS OF HIGH SCHOOL



James Knight
Jonathan Kocsis
Erin Kolb
Olivia Kompier
Lisa Koscielska
Bryan Kowalczyk
Joe Kudlo
Alton Kurth

Kevin Kutansky
Zach Lambert
Alice Lanman
Daniel Larson
Andrew Lautz
Jennifer Lee
Thomas Lee
Michelle Leverenz

Karen Lindemann
Joshua Lipton
Michael Liozka
Hannah Lodge
David Los
Ronald Lukomski
Leah Majszak
Chuck Mamich

Laura Mann
Amanda Manoski
Eric Martin
Jillian Martin
Megan Maruszczak
Margaret Mask
Kevin Maslankowski
Talia Matury-Vacaro

Louis Mazza
Lisa McCloud
Samantha McCurties
Justin Medrano
Angela Meyers
Matt Mikels
Nicole Miller
Krystle Montella

Daydreamers

For some after school fun, freshmen Lizzy Grady and Katie Kooy, play Dream Phone. No matter what the game, friends found ways to amuse themselves far away from the demands of homework.



Emily Montgomery
Joel Moosmiller
Lauren Morelli
Mohamad Musleh
Lisa Newcomb
Corey Newman
Matthew Nierengarten
Kristi Nishimura

Blake Noland
Bradley Nykiel
Katherine O'Block
Paul Obszanski
Mahdi Ojagh
James Olaosebikan
Elizabeth Olley
Bilal Omery

Stephen Paarlberg
Kathryn Paliga
Gojko Pamucar
Steven Paradzinski
James Pavisian
Gintaras Pectulis
Michelle Peiguss
Gina Pelagalli

Matthew Pepe
Rosey Petrone
Sean Pikosz
Christine Piorkowski
Jennifer Pizzuto
Lindsay Poppa
Jill Powley
Fawn Prahlow

Ambika Prasad
Donna Prole
Lea Pupillo
Christopher Pykosz
Douglas Quansy
Milos Rajcevic
Meghan Ralich
Erica Rangel



Freshmen

time waster

When the time came to hang out with friends, students belonged to cliques. Students traveled to places with friends where they could just forget about school, the hours of homework each week and just act like themselves.

Students roamed to different places of interest in a handful of ways, such as riding a bike, hitching a ride with a friend or those upperclassmen that possessed a car. But for freshmen, driving did not serve as an option to get where they needed to go.

"We usually went to someone's house or the bowling alley," Lizzy Grady, freshman, said. "We didn't have any other place to go."

Bagel Break

At their classmate's house, students found ways to relax. Gathering together, freshmen would rent the latest release at Hollywood Video,

play games or they just sat and talked. Worries of projects and due dates disappeared when the doorbell rang announcing the arrival of friends.

"My friends and I went to Round the Clock because it was fun. That was where we would always hang out," Hillary Gibbs, freshman, said.

While going to a restaurant seemed fun for some, it did not entertain everyone. Other freshmen looked for a place with more choices to.

"I didn't know where to go because I wasn't from around here, but I went to the mall because it was interesting," James Olasebikan, freshman, said. "I played different games."

Whether at the Commander, the mall or just kicking back at a friend's house, freshmen let it all out and had fun with friends. Without the access to keys to the family vehicle, they enjoyed spending time together close to home.

FROM
BENNIGAN'S
TO TAKING
TREKS AT
LOCAL
MALLS,
FRESHMEN
DISCOVER
THEIR
HANGOUTS

Arana Rebeco
Jordan Richardson
Austin Ridgeway
Marissa Rachers
Joseph Rogan
Mike Rosen
Stephanie Rosenbaum
Jodi Rosenthal

Timothy Kuy
Desiree Royal
Daniel Rucinski
Nick Rauch
Deepam Rusia
Brian Sudnowski
Philip Sajn
Sal Salas

Marisa Saucedo
Joseph Schmiedl
Sarah Schoettle
Stephanie Schrage
Megan Schutz
Vanita Seetharaman
Mark Sellers
Rachel Sepiol

Laura Shelton
Farah Sheriff
Marie Sherwood
Roger Shieh
Jennifer Shike
Eunice Shin
Drake Siskich
Jonathan Silverman

Gabriel Sivaja
Nick Skinner
Adam Slaboski
Steven Slater
Lauren Smith
Lisa Smith
Stephanie Smith
Gregg Sorrels

Montgomery-
Sorrels

cash

AGE
RESTRICTIONS
FORCE
FRESHMEN
TO SURVIVE
ON SMALL
INCOMES,
SEARCH DEEP
IN WALLET
FOR QUICK,
ATTAINABLE
CASH

Shopping for themselves or friends, hitting Showplace 16 for the latest flick, or going out to eat, freshmen spent their money and time in a number of different ways.

"I couldn't drive so I usually went shopping with my mom or my sister when she was home," Jordan Richardson, freshman, said.

"Sometimes it wasn't easy if I had to go with them, especially at Christmas or birthdays because it was difficult to buy them gifts when I was with them."

Since the majority of freshmen lacked a license or a job, they earned money and found means of transportation by other exertions. New movies released

every Friday proved an alternative to just hanging out at a friend's house.

"I went to the movies a lot; almost every weekend when I didn't have sports or something to do," Tim Webb, freshman, said. "My mom drove me most of the time because I didn't have my license, and we lived in Crown Point."

Freshmen found other alternatives to arrive at places they needed to go due to traveling restrictions. They received rides from parents,

friends or headed out on foot.

"A lot of us would go out to eat on half days," Tim said. "We'd either walk there or get someone's mom to drive us where we needed to go. We would spend our money by going bowling."

Because of age restrictions on acquiring a job, freshmen received money from their parents, on holidays or birthdays more times than not.

"I got my money from allowance and sometimes babysitting," Jordan said. "I spent it on clothes, gifts for friends and when I went places."

Those lucky enough to have a job, or by earning money by lawn mowing, snow shoveling or chores around the house, spent money accordingly.

"I worked at a store and spent money on food or video games," Sean Pykosz, freshman, said.

Not only spending cash on weekend activities or food, freshmen kept members of the opposite sex in mind for special occasions.

"I bought roses for my girlfriend for Sweetest Day," David Hansen, freshman, said. "I wasn't going out with her then but we did later."

Finding odd jobs or by babysitting, freshmen survived on minimal incomes. Although keeping the cash flow swelling proved somewhat difficult, freshmen endured times with low money and enjoyed free time despite a lack in cash.



Jason Spasoff
Julie Spear
Angela Speziale
Amanda Sprivy
Karl Spork
Adam Spungen
Ilya Stetsovsky
Brian Stier

Katherine Stine
Kyle Strandberg
Daniel Strzempka
Julie Sufana
Colleen Summers
Justin Surd
Mark Susoreny
Jason Szanyi

Adam Tepper
Sarah Theile
Katherine Thompson
Teruo Toyama
Ryan Trojanski
Filiz Turan
Jason Turner
Nicole Van Cura

Rachel Vanderhei
Jillian Vega
Tedi Vlahu
Michael Vrabel
Kevin Wadycki
Paige Wagner
Adam Wallace
Gail Wallace



Freshmen



snack attack

Taking advantage of the half day, freshmen Julie Spear, Marissa Riechers, Katherine O'Block and Jennifer Lee eat lunch at Applebee's. Freshmen tended to travel to closer restaurants to eat because of their lack of a license.

movie mania

To see the latest flick freshmen Tim Webb and Evy Watterson buy tickets at Showplace 16. On the weekends students spent their money on movies and other various activities.



Samantha Watanapongse
Courtney Watkins
Evy Watterson
Timothy Webb
Jonathan Wendell
Adam Wesolowski
Rich White
Daniel Wick

Jessie Wilks
Kara Williams
Garry Williamson
Jessica Wilson
Cynthia Wisniewski
Vanessa Witherow
Brian Young
Rob Zacny

Stephanie Zeck
Yasemin Zeytinoglu
Lauren Ziemba
Laurie Zurek
Robert Zyzalo

Sharing a laugh

Joking around with Mr. Ed Musselman, mathematics teacher, Ms. Carol Kaiser, assistant principal, supervises the Winter Homecoming pep session. "The pep session was probably the most enthusiastic one I've been to in all of my six years here," Ms. Kaiser said.

Watchful Eye

Standing by the main entrance during the dedication ceremony, Mr. Michael O'Connor, principal, and his wife greet community members touring the new facilities. The ceremony celebrated the completion of the construction, the first remodeling since 1980.



Easy as pie

Chosen to represent the Junior Class for winning the spirit award at the Winter Homecoming pep session, Anne Domascia, junior, throws a whip cream pie into the face of Mr. JR Jennings, assistant principal. "It was nice knowing I did it on behalf of my class," Anne said. "I wasn't even nervous when it happened because it took place so quickly." Before Mr. Jennings has a chance to pull the pie away from his face, Mark Hopper, junior, strolls across the floor and scoops some of the cream off of Mr. Jennings face. "I wasn't even supposed to be out there in the first place," Mark said.



Mr. William Pfister,
Superintendent
of Schools



Dr. Kevin McCaffrey,
Assistant to the
Superintendent



Mr. Richard Sopko,
Assistant
Superintendent



School Board: (front row) Vice President Judith Florczak, President Paula Nellans (back row) David Schneider, Secretary Carrie Wadas, Larry Kocal



Face the facts

Torrents of questions from students flew one after another across the Conference Room table to Mr. Michael O'Connor, principal, just waiting for an answer to end their dilemma. A typical setting for a meeting for the Principal's Advisory Team included such events.

"As an administrator, I liked to help answer any of the questions or concerns students had," Mr. O'Connor said. "It was good to find out what they were thinking, even though some of the questions they asked me were tough ones."

Groups such as the Principal's Advisory Team allowed students and administrators to voice their opinions. The issue of gender equity, requiring Cheerleaders and Poms to attend an equal number of boys' and girls' games, arose.

"Personally, I wanted to make sure that Cheerleaders and Poms attended an equal number of games," Mrs. Karen Leeth, Athletic Director, said. "Since they could choose which games they could go to, it looked bad when no one was there to cheer at some of the games."

In its inaugural year, the School Improvement Team, composed of students, teachers, administrators, and community members, dealt with issues such as alternative scheduling.

"Their job was to keep our school accredited as a Four Star school, and maintain that status," O'Connor said. "Being a Four Star school meant you had to place within the top 25th percentile in four major categories, and then improve in those categories each year or you lost that status."

Making decisions left and right, the administration felt smoking topped their list among the major policies that stood out.

"This was the first year that the state had to deal with smokers who got caught," Mr. J.R. Jennings, assistant principal, said. "The police issued a ticket to any student caught smoking on school property, and that person had to go to court and pay a \$125 fine."

Another policy included drug testing for illegal substances such as marijuana and heroin. Random drug testing increased from around five or six per week to ten, and students who owned parking permits could be eligible for testing as well as athletes and club members.

"We expanded the drug pledge to include all extracurriculars, not just the usual sports," Mr. Jennings said. "All extracurriculars needed to be tested like any sport because they all involved school activities."

Security cameras monitored every entrance and hallway in the building once the construction had been completed, in the hope of catching an intruder or protecting against vandalism.

"A lot of kids thought the cameras were an invasion of privacy and that we were out to get them," Mr. William Pfister, superintendent, said. "The School Board added them on when we were fixing up the school."

Helping Hand
Stopping to give papers to Mrs. Violet Zudock, Guidance secretary, Mr. Zeller, assistant principal, directs the opening day of school hassles.

**STRIVING
TOGETHER TO
ACCOMPLISH
COMMON GOALS,
ADMINISTRATION
AND SCHOOL
BOARD MAKE
NECESSARY
CHANGES TO
BENEFIT
STUDENTS AND
STAFF**

Closing another session of the advisory team, Mr. O'Connor gathered final suggestions from students. Among the other programs that took place, the administration set forth policies and programs to benefit each student.

Mrs. Mary Auburn: School nurse
Dr. Timothy Bartlett: Music
 Appreciation, AP Music Theory, Women's
 Ensemble, Mixed Ensemble, Choir
 Director
Mrs. Darlene Bautista: Student
 Services aide
Mr. Larry A. Brechner: Auditorium
 Director
Mrs. Elaine Burbich: Audio Visual
 secretary



Mrs. Stephanie Casey: English,
 Composition, Speech
Mr. Brian Clark: English, Asst. Varsity
 Football, Asst. Wrestling, Boys' Golf
 Coach
Mr. Jim Davidson: Industrial
 Technology, Girls' Golf, Asst. Boys'
 Varsity Basketball, Softball
Mr. Gary Davis: Physical Education,
 Lifesaving
Mrs. Cindy Depa: Main Office Secretary



Mrs. Carrie Diombala: Non-educational
 aide
Ms. Therese Dristas: World Literature,
 English
Mrs. Susan Durkin: German, English
Ms. Kelly Egan: Westlake Education
Mr. Carl Fields: Ceramics, Basic Art,
 Photography, AP Art History, Junior Class



Mr. Doug Fix: U.S. Government, AP
 Government, English
Mrs. Jane Flaherty: West Lake Education
Mrs. Carol Florence: Guidance Counselor
Mr. Don Fortner: Accounting,
 Introduction to Business, Keyboarding,
 Honors Business Management, Business
 Department Chairperson, Speech Team,
 Asst. Girls' Volleyball
Mr. Dave Franklin: Environmental
 Science, Honors Microbiology, Biology



Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry, Physics,
 AP Chemistry
Mrs. Kay Hansen: Guidance Office aide
Mrs. Nancy Hastings: *Paragon*, *Crier*,
 Photography, Journalism, Quill and Scroll
Ms. Kelly Haussman: Chemistry
Mr. Art Haverstock: Environmental
 Science, Zoology, Botany, Biology



Mr. Steve Herron: Computer Technician
Mr. John R. Jennings: Assistant Principal
Mr. Jack King: Health and Safety,
 Substance Abuse, Applied Health
Mr. David Knish: Westlake Education,
 Head Boys' Basketball, Boys' and Girls'
 Tennis
Mrs. Renee Kouris: English, Drama,
 Stagecraft, Drama Director



Macho man

To strengthen his biceps, Mr. Brian Clark, English teacher, lifts weights after school. Relieving stress on different machines provided relief from stress and any intolerable students.



Worth its weight

Spending innumerable hours in school, teachers often broke away from the normal routine. They graded papers, planned for the next day or socialized with friends. Others like Mr. Stephen Moell, mathematics teacher, took classes to complete curriculum development.

Often times teachers didn't have an opportunity to get together with friends, so instead they stayed home.

"I had been spending time with my mom and my brother because they lived close," Mr. Brian Clark, English teacher, said. "On Sundays we visited my mom and brother or we saw her parents. I didn't have any spare time. Everything

else revolved around the baby; having a baby was hectic."

Teachers often looked for alternatives to relax and unwind.

"Mrs. Yorke and I did yoga," Mrs. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher, said. "It was very relaxing and it taught me to be calm because the rest of my week was so crazy. It was good for health."

Whether hanging out with friends or going solo, teachers took time away from school to go downtown or take part in other excursions. They participated in events that students sometimes overlooked.

DESPITE
SIFTING
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PILES OF
AWAITING
PAPERS,
TEACHERS
SEEK
WAYS TO
RELAX



Step by step

Keeping a steady beat with the music, Mrs. Leigh Ann Westland, English teacher, instructs an evening step aerobics class. Once a week Mrs. Westland focused her attention on students at Omni 41 Sports and Fitness Connection.



Mrs. Karen Leeth: Athletic Director
Mr. Marc Lehnerer: English, Speech, Speech Composition, Honors World Literature, Speech Team
Mrs. Linda Lemon: English, Composition
Mr. Kent Lewis: Advertising, Entrepreneurship, Fashion Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism, Marketing Education, DECA
Ms. Jennifer Luksich: English, Spanish, Freshman Volleyball, Freshman Girls' Basketball

Ms. Paula Malinski: Physical Education
Mrs. Alyce Mart-Webb: French, French Club
Mrs. Cheryl Mason: Media Specialist
Mr. Scott McAlister: Economics, AP Economics, Asst. Varsity Football, Asst. Girls' Track
Mr. Robert McCall: English, Freshman Class, Asst. Girls' Track, Asst. Varsity Football

Cutting through barriers

WHETHER
CRACKING
JOKES,
TOTALING
POINTS OR
CALMING
DISSECTORS,
TEACHERS
LIGHTEN
ATMOSPHERE

Teachers affected student's lives by helping provide a friendship rather than the strict student-teacher relationship. Going beyond the norm, teachers worked on a friendlier basis.

Humor in classrooms sometimes allowed students to take a deep breath and relax to have fun learning.

"Mr. Graves was my absolute favorite teacher," Liz Wiesner, junior, said. "He cracked jokes all the time about any topic."

"Teenagers felt they were grown up so I treated them that way," Mr. Steve Wroblewski, geometry teacher, said, "I let them make their own decisions."

Teachers tried to involve students with group projects so acceptance in a group would always be felt. Teachers also aimed to make classes more enjoyable, to increase student participation and to entertain the entire class.

"Going to class shouldn't have been a dreadful thing," Mr. Scott McAlister, Economics teacher, said. "Obviously, it wasn't all fun and games, but if you were able to make class enjoyable you

would get more of an attention span. I respected the students as people; I thought I gave more latitude and expected them to work."

Students found a level of respect with teachers that created positive surroundings. Teachers as role models, brought a satisfying and stimulating learning environment to their students.

Something Fishy

During Zoology, Robby Rothschild, senior, laughs with Mr. Arthur Haverstock while completing the dissection. "I tried to have fun, and if I couldn't have fun then the kids couldn't," Mr. Haverstock said.



Grade check

In 6th hour AP Government, Mr. Doug Fix and Greg Zeck, senior, check Greg's grades. "The relationship with that class was different because of all the time we spent together on 'We the People,'" Mr. Fix said.



Mrs. Helga Meyer: German, German Club sponsor
Ms. Kristine Moore: Geometry, Introduction to Algebra, Volleyball Asst.
Mr. Tim Murphy: Band Director
Mr. Ed Musselman: Algebra, Asst. Athletic Director
Mrs. Nancy Newcomb: Keyboarding, Computer Applications, Computer Literacy, Business Law, Student Government, Sophomore Class



Faculty



Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media specialist
 Mr. Michael O'Connor: Principal
 Mrs. Kathy Olivotto: Guidance Counselor
 Mr. David Opperman: Friendly Officer
 Ms. Valerie Pflum: Mathematics problem solving, Algebra, Senior Class

Mr. James Prasopoulos: Westlake Education, Boys' Soccer, Freshman Boys' Basketball
 Mrs. Patricia Premetz: Pre-Calculus, Mathematics Department Chairperson
 Mrs. Marilyn Rizzo: Foods, Interpersonal Relationships, Consumer Education
 Ms. Ruth Robertson: Bookkeeper
 Mr. David Russell: English, Creative Writing

Mr. Robert Shinkan: Geometry, Head Boys' Baseball Coach, Asst. Varsity Football
 Mr. Dave Smith: Friendly Officer
 Mrs. Mary Solis: Student Services aide
 Mrs. Rita Spomar: Student Services aide
 Mr. Corky Stopper: Student Services aide

Mr. Ed Strbjak: Friendly Officer
 Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas: Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Probability and Statistics, JV Baseball Coach
 Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris: Spanish, Foreign Language Department Chairperson
 Mr. Don Ullman: Chemistry, Chemistry in the Community, Academic Competition Club
 Mrs. Rhonda Von Werder: Spanish, Speech Team

Mrs. Charlene Walsh: Westlake Education
 Mrs. Kathy Webb: Student Services Asst.
 Mrs. Jody Weiss: English, Composition, Developmental Reading
 Mrs. Marsha Weiss: Guidance Counselor
 Mrs. Leigh Ann Westland: Composition, English, Poms sponsor

Mrs. Sara White: Orchestra
 Mrs. Anne Whiteley: Spanish, Spanish Club
 Mrs. Annette Wisniewski: Guidance Counselor
 Mr. Stephen Wroblewski: Geometry, Computer Programming
 Mrs. Mary Yorke: Composition, Speech, English Literature, English Department Chairperson, Speech and Debate Team, NFL

Write Out

Bending over as she signs a fifth grader's shirt, Amanda Zivich, senior, participates in Snow Flurry at Eads Elementary School. Students signed each other's shirts as a souvenir.

Show and Tell

As she shows a piece of art to seniors Andy Dumaresq and Gilby Bognar, Torie Cox, senior, fulfills her duties at the Center for the Visual and Performing Arts. Torie's work as a docent involved supervising the gallery and giving tours.



Hands Held High

Joining hands with his group of fifth graders, Kyle Brazel, junior, helps out as a role model at Snow Flurry at Eads Elementary School. High school students like Kyle worked with the fifth graders, leading group activities.



Stepping Forward

Volunteering allows students to realize value of helping others

Standing in a giant refrigerator while she sorted packages of rotting cheese, Kara Argus, senior, discovered the realities of volunteer work.

"They (the Salvation Army) had 3,000 packages of Swiss cheese and I had to sort through them and throw out all the moldy ones," Kara said. "I was standing in the refrigerator in a tank top and shorts, freezing cold, and throwing all this moldy cheese over my shoulder. It was disgusting."

Some volunteer work exposed students to professions that interested them.

"I volunteered as a docent at the art gallery at the Performing Arts Center," Torie Cox, senior, said. "I really enjoyed it because I learned about local artists and what goes into preparing an art show, which is something I might use in my future."

Students also enjoyed other types of volunteer activities. Becky Herron, freshman, helped her youth group with a Christmas party for needy kids.

"The reaction from the kids when they got their presents was incredible," Becky said. "One girl sat on Santa's lap and asked for a Tamagotchi, and that was exactly what she got later. They were all so excited."

Despite encountering messy jobs or surprising assignments, students realized the value of their efforts. When Kara finished sorting the cheese, she understood the importance of donating her time.

"I liked working there," she said, "because I knew it was for someone else's benefit, not my own."

Doing his Part

Taking part in a Sunday service at St. Thomas More, Bob Yamtich, senior, reads a Bible passage. Bob rotated readings with about 10 other high school students on a weekly basis. "It made church more interesting when you participated," Bob said.

All Wrapped Up

To help a child, sophomores Kathryn Caruso, Kaitlin Kovach, Joe Flores, and Scott Newman sort gifts in Mr. Rob McCall's, English teacher, Advisory. Students bought gifts for Adopt an Angel program.



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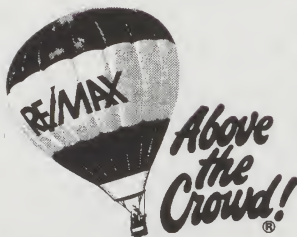


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How did you get involved in teaching and working in TV?

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What did you teach?

I taught a computer class Wednesday and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. I taught adults and the elderly basic computer skills and Windows 95.

Had anything bizarre ever happened to you?

There had been times, where I forgot to press record and not realized it until half way through the interview.

Which did you like better: the TV show or teaching computer classes?

The TV show was more fun than teaching; it was more of a hobby and I planned to keep it that way, as a hobby.

What did all of your jobs for the TV show entail?

The directing basically dealt with the camera changes, like which camera was on and which one was off and it also dealt with the recording aspects as well.

Adam Economou
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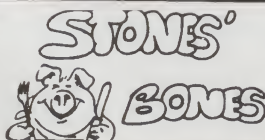
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How long have you been volunteering at the hospital?

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How did you get your job?

My mom had some friends that worked at the hospital. They told her about the program and she suggested it to me; I got into it that way. I'd wanted to be a nurse for a long time.

What does your job involve?

Basically I just helped out with the nurses and sometimes I took specimens to the lab and I talked to patients. I interacted with the patients, especially in pediatrics. I played games with the kids and talked to them. I tried to make the patient's stay easier.

How often do you work?

Once a week for four hours

Why did you choose to work there?

Because I'd always wanted to be a nurse and I thought it was the best way to find out if I was interested. I wanted to do something to help others. I liked to make people happy and staying at the hospital can be hard.

Why is it fulfilling?

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Were you planning on teaching or using orchestra in the future?

Not really, I didn't plan on teaching
music in the future. I liked teaching them
because it gave me experience teaching
with younger kids and I had fun.

What did your work teach the other students?

I helped them figure out their music. I
showed them how to take care of their
instrument and tune it. They also learned
about being responsible because they had
to bring their music and instrument. They
got a lot of extra practice to help them
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Did working with them help you learn anything?

It showed me how much I really
improved. They were playing stuff I
played long ago. It really was an ego
boost. I couldn't believe that just four

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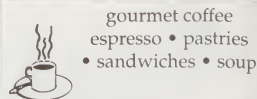
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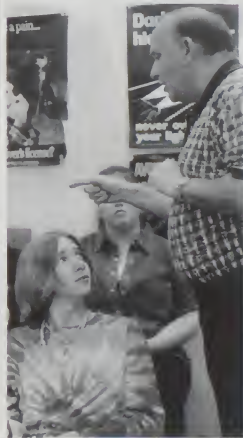


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How did you get involved with the handicapped students?

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What sort of activities were you involved with during your four years of high school?

I did all the things I did in elementary school plus State Special Olympics in Terre Haute.

What did you do with the summer school program?

The bus picked me up from my house at 6 a.m. and dropped us off at Lake Central High School, where I basically did everything from field trips to pushing wheelchairs, reading stories and taking kids to the bathroom. Then I took the bus home with the kids and got home at 1 p.m.

Why did you spend so much time helping out?

It was a very rewarding experience to see the joy on some of the children's faces who had gone through so much and still did. It made me choose my life's career as a special education teacher.



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Why did you decide to get involved with it?

I mainly got involved with Boy Scouts because my older brother was really involved with it, and most of my friends were joining. It seemed like a really neat thing to do, and I was glad that I joined.

How many badges do you have?

I had 19 badges, and I only needed a few more to be an Eagle Scout. You had to become an Eagle Scout before 18, and there was a major project that each scout needed to complete. Being an Eagle Scout was the pinnacle of joining, and if you went through with Boy Scouts then you might as well go for the top award of Eagle Scout.

Are there activities you can be involved in after becoming an Eagle Scout?

There are camps and other activities you could attend after becoming an Eagle Scout, but I was not going to get

involved
in any of
those. I
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Why did you decide to do this?

When I was in Sunday school, as a student, we spent most of the morning sitting in a classroom learning. It was fun to take a break in the middle to learn Jewish and Israeli songs and dances.

How did you interact with the other students to make learning fun?

I loved teaching the little kids. We all sat in a circle to learn words and music. I played the piano and the kids had an opportunity to get a little bit crazy.

How long have you worked at Congregation Beth Israel?

This was the third year that I had taught music there.

Any interesting facts?



The kids must have said something good to their parents, because I was always babysitting everyone from my classes.

Audrey
Kutas, senior

kellie curran and gail wallace

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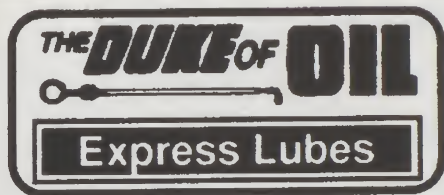
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How often did you babysit?

I babysat almost everyday. From right after school until whenever.

What types of things did you do with your nieces?

I played little kid games with them, took them to play at the park and did little kid stuff with them.

Did you get paid?

No, I just did it to help my sister.

What, if anything, bizzare has happened?

It was funny to watch Ashley body slam her sister. They said the funniest things and they misunderstood things all the time. One time my mom told Ashley that she was a masacist because she was pinching her arm, and she said, "I'm not a Mexican!" It was pretty funny.

Does babysitting make you want to have kids?

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I loved animals and basically I just wanted to see what I could do for their future and health. I was born an animal person, and for the first few years of my life I thought I was a dog. They called me an odd kid. When my parents would take me to church I would be on my hands and knees barking. I loved mostly dogs, but it ranged to all animals. I definitely want to be a vet in the future.

What weird activities did you encounter while working with the animals?

What I found funny was when a dog tried to maul you; completely tried to shred your clothes and attempt to shred you. Especially when the owner said, 'He wouldn't hurt a fly, ours is such a good dog.'

I remember a boxer named Chewey. When the owners brought him in, they said that he was too shy to even come up to you, let alone touch you. Chewey was the one that decided when I tried to feed it, it would rather eat my face.



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Why do you do it?

I do it because I like to help people and it looks good for your resume for college. It is good training for when you go to get hired on as a real police officer.

What kind of things do you do in your training?

We have classes on criminal investigations, self defense, etc, which is basic training in the first year. Then when you graduate from basic, you are moved to advanced, where you get to ride along with the cops. Then also I will be working dispatch room, CPR certification, First Aid, physical fitness, street survival, and accident investigation.

How long have you been training and how much do you have to train?

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Despite testing out over 135 possible theme ideas, five top editors finally jumped for joy, literally, when we stumbled on "You Can't Make This Stuff Up" from a Star Wars Trivial Pursuit ad. And did the year unravel with bizarre, unusual and weird facts. After trying for hours, Allison drifted to sleep with that shaking bed. No matter how hard she tried, Jenny never did find that 'good' sophomore. Even after we put up signs on the walls, Diane wouldn't let us use the clothes spread. Stacey searched and searched, and she finally found the panda. Even though he was undermanned, underappreciated and abused, Adam still managed to snap an award-winning photo of an award-winning subject. Taunting with pastel eggs, Katie brainwashed the rest of the staff into eating nine bags of Cadbury Mini-Eggs during the Easter season. We split them, Katie didn't eat them all!

After we stabilized from the excitement, we calmed down and steadily set off on the 252-page quest. We all had our trying times and small picky fights, but we kept our "Big Ones" together. Somehow H seemed to know everything that went on even if we didn't know she was aware—those paper thin walls never failed. But without her, we could have never made it through our 19-hour-overnight first deadline or any other difficult task. We can't describe our multitude of appreciation for her and all of her help with our troubles, despite the ever-present "I'm sorry, it's not my problem" realization. We would also like to acknowledge Lisa Keene, our Herff Jones representative and diligent food supplier, and Don Milsap of Halterman Studios, Inc. An extra special thanks

goes to Mr. David Russell for getting those team photos together, even with slim-to-none notice.

Well, now onto the technical mumbo jumbo. *Paragon* Volume 34, *You Can't Make This Stuff Up*, was printed by Herff Jones, of 6015 Travis Lane, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201 with the help of in-plant Customer Service Advisor, Julie Bogart. With a press run of 1,000, the book was printed on 80 lb. Bordeaux paper. Early orders of the yearbook cost \$33, while late May purchases were made for \$40.

The staff designed a 4-color litho cover with matte lamination using Colonial Red #HJ185 to capture the year of unbelievable feats. Red became the unifying color for both the opening and dividers.

All pages were submitted on disk, using PageMaker 6.5 and Adobe Photoshop. Body copy and captions throughout the book are in Palatino. Headline fonts included Premium Thin (G3 nightmare), Eurostile, Avante Garde, Verdana, Helvetica and Palatino.

While staff photos shot more than 450 rolls of black and white film, Halterman Photography Studios in Ottawa, IL, shot all underclass and senior portraits and club group shots.

The 1998 edition, *A Story to be Told*, was named a Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Crown, a National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker, and Best of Show at the JEA/NSPA Fall National Convention in Washington, DC.



Lip Service

Before making his appearance on stage for the musical, *Oklahoma!*, Rob Branson, sophomore, lets Ashley Kaufman, sophomore, finish off his make-up by applying lipstick.

Pumped Up

Watching a Red Cross nurse take her blood pressure, Nancy Samardzija, senior, anticipates the needle at the Blood Drive.



Super Fans

To show support for the Boys' Basketball Team at Sectionals versus Crown Point, seniors Amanda Greenya, Jina Gauthier, Scott Senchak, KK Azodo, and Adam Noel; and junior Rachel Merkell, make noise after a Mustang basket.



Work of Art

Studying his sculpture before group critique, Justin Barger, sophomore, evaluates his final product for finishing touches.



said and Done

After

juggling a jumble of stresses from tedious testing, including AP tests, SATs and finals, to pestering Prom plans, such as the Grand March commotion, students welcomed the long-awaited May lightness of Physics and Math Day field trips, senioritis and summer sun.

■ After using every bit of strength to lift pieces of the stage floor, the maintenance staff called upon the help of Coach Leroy Marsh's 6th hour weight training class. The students removed 5,000 pounds of floor to open the orchestra pit for the musical *Oklahoma!*

■ With eyes focused on raising money to provide more local scholarships, the group Dollars for Scholars dialed up \$3,682 in pledges at their March 7 phone-a-thon. Hopes to raise more at the first-ever Prom Grand March in the fieldhouse followed.

■ Who would've thought the Speech and Debate Team would qualify a record-setting 11 members for Nationals in Phoenix, AZ, June 12-20? The total ranked as the most in the team's 30-year history.

■ Concerns for school safety surfaced as shock gripped the nation April 20 when two Littleton, CO



Show of Spirit

Taking a break from Drama class, Dave Mangus, senior, dresses in a mouse costume to entertain his peers. Serving no other purpose than to be different, Dave wandered the halls and patio looking for attention.



Bust a Move

For Ms. Jen Luksich's English 11 class, juniors Ralph Schwart, Meghan Lober, and Kyle Maloney perform a skit imitating cliques.



Circle of Friends

Reading his children's story to a group of third graders, Scot Goldyn, senior, visits Frank H. Hammond Elementary for Mr. David Russel's Creative Writing class.

teens, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebod, 17, shot and killed 12 of their fellow Columbine High School classmates and a teacher before turning the guns on themselves in the school library. The security cameras students moaned and groaned over when installed during Winter Break took on new meaning as conversations in the days following the shootings focused on calming student's fears.

After three State appearances, three seniors received honors not only for athletic ability, but also attitude and academic achievement. All-American

swimmer Jeff Lee, senior, earned the Mental Attitude Award, given to one state finalist in each sport. The award sponsor contributed \$1,000 to the recipient's school, and the administration decided to pass the money back to the students. Greg Zeck earned the same award in tennis, as well as the James Hawker Award for Speech. Hiral Shah joined Greg, winning the scholar award in Debate. The James Hawker Award recognized one winner from 40 state finalists to receive a \$500 scholarship based on academic excellence as well as mental attitude.

you can't *Make* this *stuff* Up

As the sun set on the *Oklahoma!* musical production, involving more than 100 cast and crew members, and more than 7.5 inches of rain drenched the area marking the fifth wettest April since Chicago records began in 1873, the year filled with unexpected twists and turns. From Aug. 25 to the June 6

graduation ceremony, 41 weeks consisting of 180 school days plus vacation and free time yielded 6,888 hours of **Stuff You Just Couldn't Make Up!**

Clowning Around

Dressing up during a spring musical practice, Steve Pesich, junior, and Brandon Sweeney, sophomore, take out time to goof off and wave at random passers-by. The two found the costumes in their cabinets from dressing rooms and lightened the atmosphere just to have fun.



Trials and Tribulations

Portraying Hester Prynne from *Scarlet Letter*, Mike Baniak, junior, goes on trial for adultery in Honors English 11.



Long Line

Anxiously awaiting their turn to leave school grounds, student anticipate their turn to drive out of the newly rerouted south parking lot.





the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has grown from 10% of the economy to 15% of the economy.

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